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Battle to save TA's town base is growing

MORE than 600 people have signed a petition demanding defence ministers rethink plans to disband a Territorial Army regiment which has a base in Dudley.

Campaigners have called on residents to get behind a petition to save the Royal Mercian and Lancastrian Yeomanry, which has a history dating back more than 200 years.

The TA regiment in Vicar Street, faces an uncertain future after it was revealed it could be split up to allow for the creation of a Scottish Yeomanry.

But protestors including Dudley North MP Ian Austin and the town's Royal British Legion branch have condemned the plans.

They say the move would be a blow to the town which holds the regiment in high regard after bestowing soldiers with the Freedom of the Borough of Dudley last year.

Dozens of its troops are in Afghanistan for a second tour of duty. The Ministry of Defence has stressed no decisions have yet been taken and more money is being invested in the TA.

In total 667 people have now signed an online petition started by a soldier's wife. Mr Austin has written to Defence Secretary Philip Hammond, tabled a series of Parliamentary Questions and has spoken out in Parliament about the matter.

Firms could fund Metro

TRANSPORT chiefs in the Black Country say they may turn to businesses in the region to help pay for a £90 million Metro line from Wednesbury to Dudley.

Centro has said it is continuing to investigate funding options for the line extension alongside seven councils in the West Midlands.

It announced it could, in partnership with the local councils, use cash raised from rates paid by new businesses which would benefit from the line.

RETHINK URGED ON HIPPODROME

by Alex Ross

COUNCIL bosses are being urged to rethink their decision to demolish Dudley Hippodrome after rejecting calls to reopen the venue.

Council chiefs in Dudley have announced they will forge ahead with plans to knock down the former theatre as part of a wider scheme to regenerate the Castle Hill area.

Their decision comes after officers deemed a business case put forward by The Friends of Dudley Hippodrome to reopen the theatre as commercially unviable. The Theatres Trust has now called for a meeting with council officers to discuss potential options for the building in a bid to save it. Mark Price, planning and heritage adviser for the preservation group, said: "The key thing is keeping the building up, because once it has gone, it has gone, and theatres are not a cheap thing to build again."

"This idea was not deemed viable, but we would want the building to be continue to be used for something else until, in a few years' time, another idea to turn it back into a theatre re-emerges."

Under the council's plan, it would be knocked down for a temporary car park before being potentially replaced with a leisure attraction.

Geoff Fitzpatrick, chairman of the Friends group, is meeting council officers on Wednesday to discuss the failed business plan. He said: "We want to know why our plan was not viable."

Disappointed

"Plenty of work and research went into it, and we believed we had a very good case. Of course we are disappointed, but the fight will go on."

The self-styled Duchess of Dudley, Lizzie Wiggins, added her name to the list of entertainers opposed to the knocking down of the building.

As a teenager, she worked opposite the attraction as a receptionist at the Station Hotel. She said: "It was incredible - the names we used to get was amazing, the whole place was buzzing, and it was a joy to be around."

"I thought it was bad when they turned it into a bingo hall, but now for a car park? Terrible."

Councillor Les Jones led the council decision to buy the former Hippodrome when he was the cabinet member for regeneration in 2010. He was then leader of the council when plans were first drawn up to demolish it the following year.

He said: "The building had stood idle for many years, no-one noticed it, it was attracting drug users - it was only when the council decided to take action that a campaign was started."

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Anniversary strikes a chord



Conductor Tim Calloway and The Brierley Hill Choral Society rehearse for its 80th birthday

FOR 80 years Brierley Hill Choral Society has been entertaining audiences - and now they are getting ready to celebrate their anniversary.

Members are hoping to appeal to younger singers who will help to guarantee the choir's future.

The society began life in 1933 and now has 65 members, but conductor Tim Calloway said the youngest regular member of the choir was about 40 and the average age 60. Mr Calloway, aged 60, has led the choir for seven years and said: "Young people don't seem particularly interested in choral singing anymore and it's a bit of a worry."

"It's to do with the education system and her majesty's government would do well to recognise the extraordinary value of music."

"When I was younger we used to have assemblies regularly where you would be exposed to hymn singing. Some people

might have hated it but others might have said 'this is alright'."

Chairman Heather Casson said when the choir began, singers ranged from those in their mid 20s to retired people.

Mrs Casson, 54, added: "We would love more young people in the choir. They are the future. While TV programmes such as 'Last Choir Standing' and personalities such as Gareth Malone have undoubtedly reawakened interest and enthusiasm for choral music, they have also changed the expectations of people - from the perspective of both the performers and the audience."

"Catchy tunes can grab the attention momentarily, but the emotion and passion that can be achieved in the classical works is neither to be underestimated nor surpassed." Anyone interested in joining the choir can go to www.brierley-hill-choral-society.org.

Mayor has cone extra mile in ice cream row

FOUR holidaymakers from Dudley will be offered a free ice cream when they return to Rome later this month - in the wake of the storm over their pricey bill.

Roger, Wendy, Stephen and Joyce Bannister, from Wordsley have accepted an offer from the city's mayor for an all-expenses paid VIP trip.

They will be guests of Mayor Gianni Alemanno, who has made the gesture as an apology to the family for being charged a £54 for four ice cream cones in the Italian capital.

The Italian mayor's representative, Antonio Gazzallone, Rome Town Council's special delegate for tourism, has been liaising with Roger to arrange for him, his wife, Wendy and brother, Stephen and sister-in-law Joyce, of Sandringham Road, Wordsley, to fly back to Rome for a free ice cream.

The two couples, who were charged 64 euros (£54) for their ice cream from a shop near the Spanish Steps, Rome, will be put up in a hotel by the Mayor from May 22 to 25.

Roger Bannister said: "The Mayor wants to say sorry for what happened."

Competition for snappers

A NEW furniture store in Dudley wants local photographers for a competition.

DFS at the Merry Hill Retail Park, Brierley Hill, has been finding out which three Dudley landmarks its customers love the most.

The results put Dudley Zoo first, the castle, second and Himley Hall, third.

The store is now asking people to take their best snapshot of the zoo.

To enter post a CD of your picture to DFS Dudley, A View From A Sofa, Havas FR, 3rd Floor, 52 Princess Street, Manchester, M1 6JX or email prdfs@havasww.co.uk by June 3.



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Engineer turns up heat on illegals

A HEATING engineer from Dudley turned crimefighter when he saw 12 illegal immigrants trying to get into Britain in the back of a freezer lorry. Grandfather Roger Furnell, aged 52, was stuck in traffic on the M1 beside a lorry with a German number plate when he heard loud banging noises from inside.

He then moved his car behind the seven-tonne truck and called police after spotting the back doors moving

as if someone was trying to get out. Mr Furnell, of Withymoor Village, Brierley Hill, was then asked to follow the lorry for two junctions before police took over and pulled the truck into Watford Gap services in Northamptonshire – where they found the illegal immigrants inside.

The incident happened as Mr Furnell, who works for RHP Heating in Enville Street, Stourbridge, was returning from a job in Hertford-

shire. It is not the first time he has helped police – 10 years ago he chased off three men who attempted a car-jacking in Dudley town centre.

He said: "I seem to have a habit of being in the right place at the right time – or is that the wrong place at the wrong time?"

"I was stuck in traffic and I could not believe how loud the noise was coming from the lorry. I thought it was a train going over tracks nearby,

but it obviously wasn't, so I went behind the lorry to check it. I saw the doors flexing as if someone was trying to get out.

"Whoever it was appeared to be knocking seven bells of hell out of the lorry. It may have been whoever was inside thought the lorry had come to a stop or it was getting cold inside. Whatever it was, I decided to call the police." Mr Furnell later received a call thanking him for his help.

Ex-staff of Simon looking for help

FORMER employees of a closed engineering firm have asked for £5,000 of public money to build a monument to commemorate their work.

Almost 400 people worked at the Simon Engineering plant in Queen's Cross, Dudley from 1953 to 1975, and then in Pennett Road, Holly Hall until it closed in 1995.

The firm is famous for building hydraulic platforms, including the Simon Snorkle, which is still seen on fire engines, rescue vehicles and aeroplane ice removers.

Members of the Simon Engineering Retirement Association now plan to put up a monument outside where the Holly Hall factory once stood, and have asked Dudley Council for funding.

Mayor Melvyn Mottram worked for the firm for 22 years. "Simon Engineering was Dudley, and Dudley was Simon Engineering," he said. "The operations in the town was like a family, everyone knew everyone – it was a great place."

Club seeks to move on

The Halesowen gymnastics club which trained Olympic medal-winner Kristian Thomas is trying to bounce back after losing almost £300,000 funding and a much-needed move to bigger premises across the town.

Earls Gymnastics Club had its planned move to the former Wield Spin go-karting track in Dudley Road was scuppered at the eleventh hour.

This meant the club also lost a £281,000 grant awarded by British Gymnastics, which had to be used for a relocation of the club by the end of March.

Chairman Jon Caulwell said the club had applied for a new grant from the National Association of Gymnastics, while it also worked on new plans for a move away from its base at Earls High School.

Fair at church

ST Peter's Church in Kent Street, Upper Gornal will be holding a fair from 10.30am-2.30pm this Saturday. The theme for the fair will be Old Gornal and there will be refreshments, face painting, plants and books on sale.

God, dog and beauty tips to boost patients

A DOG, gospel singers and manicurists are being brought in to make stays at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital better for patients.

Staff are trying to improve patient experience at the site and have been working with the Kissing it Better charity to invite community volunteers and groups into the hospital to entertain patients.

Students from Dudley College have been providing hand massages and make-up for female patients.

While Buster the dog from Pets as Therapy has also been making visits to the wards.

Bosses have also introduced welcome leaflets to each ward containing important information such as visiting times, mealtime routines, uniforms who's who and ward contact numbers both for relatives and in case of health concerns once patients go home.

Chief executive Paula Clark said: "Feedback from patients has also informed us that we could make improvements around accessibility."

Wheelchairs
"With patients' help we have drawn up an action plan and have, so far, ordered 30 more wheelchairs for main reception and worked on our hearing loops system, including a portable hearing loops that departments can access as and when needed."

"We gather feedback from our inpatients via our Friends and Family Test in which we ask all patients who are being discharged whether they would recommend the service they had received to a friend and family in their hour of need."

"Patients are asked to rate us on a scale of 0-10 and offer suggestions where they think improvements could be made."

The hospital is also looking at revamping its food service with pre-packed individual meals.

Raising cash fit for hospital



Class member Ann Bedworth, left, and instructor Jean Hughes with other members

A FITNESS group has been piling up the pounds at the same time as losing them – raising £2,500 for a hi-tech scanner at Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley.

Members of the keep fit class, run by 75-year-old Jean Hughes at Wordsley Community Centre, have been working to raise the cash since January.

Donations have been made by the 90-strong group and they have also staged events, including raffles, to bring in the much-needed funds. It will be put towards

the scanner for the hospital's urology department to assist in the treatment of prostate patients.

Mrs Hughes, who has run the group for nearly 40 years, said some of the members' husbands were patients at the department.

The class has raised cash for charities in the past and they decided to support the department this year.

Mrs Hughes said the class had, at last count, raised around £114,000 for charities across the community.

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MPs will hand back £484,000

MPs have agreed to hand back more than £484,000 of profits from taxpayer-funded homes.

The Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority (Ipsa), set up in the wake of the expenses scandal, has detailed repayments by 29 politicians.

The watchdog moved to ban the use of Commons expenses to pay mortgage interest in May 2010, in the wake of public fury over 'flipping' and other abuses.

However, transitional arrangements were put in place permitting MPs elected before 2010 to keep claiming the money up to last August – as long as they agreed to return any potential capital gain.

No MPs from the Black Country or Staffordshire were asked to pay money back but Wolverhampton South East MP Pat McFadden was revealed to have claimed £14,137.48 in mortgage interest costs between 2010 and 2012, during the transitional period.

Some 71 MPs received £926,000 in allowances for mortgage interest during the transition period. The properties were formally valued at the beginning and the end, and the MPs were given until November 30 to return a proportion of any gain.

Memorabilia at libraries

MEMORABILIA packs containing copies of newspapers with major events and collections themed on days gone by are now available for loan from Dudley libraries.

The 26 individual packs cover themes such as the 1950s, a 1960s childhood, the RAF at war and Christmas past.

Newspapers available include those covering the Queen's coronation in 1953, the Battle of Britain in 1940 and Victory in Europe in 1945.

For further information call Sue Harper on 01384 818360.

Visit over noise

THE chief executive of a train firm is to visit a Dudley railway station after residents complained about noise. It comes after Stourbridge's MP Margot James presented a petition signed by more than 170 residents who live by the Stourbridge Junction station to the chief executive of Chiltern Railways Rob Brighouse.

Heart attack killed daughter, 31, in her sleep



Stephanie Clift

A YOUNG hospital worker died from a heart attack as she slept – just five months after being devastated by the death of her father.

Stephanie Clift, aged 31, a popular member of staff on the Georgina cancer unit at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital, had been diagnosed with an irregular heartbeat and had problems controlling her weight and smoking.

Her brother Mark, aged 34, had to break into her house and found her dead after the family became concerned when she did not respond to phone calls. Miss Clift's heartbroken

mother, Patricia Clift, said: "In my own mind I had an idea her death was down to this irregular heartbeat."

"I put it down to the strain of her job and of losing her dad."

Miss Clift's father Alexander died in April 2012 from complications of diabetes at the age of 64.

On December 9, Miss Clift, of Cradley, who had been diagnosed with the irregular heartbeat, known as arrhythmia, as a child, was found dead in her bed.

Mrs Clift, of Inkberrow Road in Halesowen, said she had spent the previous evening with her daughter,

sharing a meal, a chat and watching TV. She described the clinical support worker as 'tired' and said she had needed a 20-minute nap during the evening but had 'livened up' later.

Mrs Clift added: "With the irregular heartbeat she had and the hours she worked at the hospital, she always seemed a bit tired."

Miss Clift had worked at the hospital for almost three years and often covered 12 hour shifts, her mother said. Despite this, she loved her job and had saved enough to put down a deposit

on her own flat, moving in during June 2011.

When Stephanie left her mother on December 9 about 10.15pm, she was reminded to return early for Sunday lunch the following day.

Mrs Clift recalled: "She said 'I'm off now mum' and I said 'bye, sweet, see you tomorrow' and that was the last I heard from her."

Black Country coroner Robin Balmain, recording a verdict of natural causes, said the death was due to unexpected cardiac arrest caused by arrhythmia.

Dismay over decision that Hippodrome will be levelled

AN ENTERTAINER and an academic from the Black Country have reacted with dismay to the decision to pull down the former Dudley Hippodrome.

Dudley Council has agreed to go ahead with its plans to demolish the venue on Castle Hill after snubbing a business case by supporters to reopen the attraction.

Council leader David Sparks described the campaigners plan as unviable and said the council would move forward with a proposal to knock the site down and replace it with a car park.

The decision was made despite an 18-month campaign by the Friends of Dudley Hippodrome – led by Geoff Fitzpatrick and supported by more than 6,000 people.

The group, also backed by the Theatre Trust, gained access to the Hippodrome and carried out in-depth research before placing a business case to the council to reopen it.

Now, entertainers and historians voiced deep disappointment at the decision, describing it as a 'blow for the heritage of the West Midlands'.

Audience

Black Country comic Alan 'Aynuk' Smith was in the audience to see Laurel and Hardy and Bob Hope at the Hippodrome as a child.

Other stars to appear on the venue's stage before it closed in 1964 were Judy Garland, Bing Crosby and Tommy Cooper.

Mr Smith, aged 75, from Netherton, said: "I feel very sad because I do think we need a theatre of that calibre."

"The ones we have in Dudley either do not have the capacity or are not designed for proper stage shows – it will be a big shame when it is knocked down."

"It is all down to austerity, I really do believe it could have been the centre of entertainment for the West Midlands."

"The place was magic – but it does not surprise me. We are losing so many good things from the past, it is all down to finance."

Black Country historian Professor Carl Chinn met with the campaigners and saw their business plan, which he described as solid and not based on hope. He said: "I am deeply disappointed and feel this marks a blow for the heritage of the West Midlands, particularly for the people of Dudley – this is a sad day."

"The campaigners in my view put forward a solid, strong and exciting case and I feel this decision to reject it will be regretted by the council in future years."



The former Dudley Hippodrome building in Castle Hill, Dudley, which campaigners would have liked to see restored



Aynuk, alias Alan Smith

"The decision to knock down an eye-catching building which could have been used for community purposes, for meeting rooms, for charity events, to go ahead and do that and knock it down – words fail me." He added: "I would like to record my appreciation to the campaigners because I feel they worked so hard to create a business case which was not just based on hope, but busi-



The Dudley Hippodrome from October 1970

ness projection and proper research." Following the Hippodrome's closure, the building was transformed into a bingo hall, but this closed in September 2009.

A year later Dudley Council purchased the site as part of its regeneration scheme in Castle Hill to increase visitors to Dudley Zoo and the Black Country Museum.

Former council leader Les Jones soon



Professor Carl Chinn

unveiled plans to knock the building down, before the campaign by the Friends of Dudley Hippodrome was started up in December 2011.

The group submitted its final version of a business plan to the council in November. The council received an assessment report by a consultancy firm on the case last month, before it came to its decision.

NEWS in brief

Charity knitting sisters need wool

TWO sisters who have raised more than £37,000 for charity by knitting are appealing for more wool.

Yvonne Smart, aged 55, from Kingswinford, and Cathy Glear, a 59-year-old fosterer, from Netherton, helped by around 20 volunteers, knit and sell goods for the Midlands Air Ambulance. Their warts are on sale in Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley, and because of great demand, they need more wool.

To donate visit www.midlandsairambulance.com, or call 0800 840 2040.

Ex-leader parts with Tory group

A FORMER council leader in Dudley has resigned from the borough's Conservative group amid a row over national politics 'dominating the council chamber'.

Councillor Les Jones, who will now stand as an Independent Conservative, said he had become fed up with local issues taking a backseat during debates.

"I've seen the growing trend of national politics dominating local business in the chamber. I don't believe in this."

School team in final of awards

THE upper school team from Elmfield Rudolf Steiner School, Love Lane, Stourbridge are in the finals of the 2013 Pearson Teaching Awards.

Their nomination is in the school team of the year for their innovative morning modules, which included bow-making. The modules aim to inspire creativity. Winners will be announced on May 17.

Online manual for police officers

WEST Midlands Police officers will be able to access an online handbook that provides them with information on custody procedures and interview techniques.

The force recently renewed its subscription to the Police Visual Handbook, with information on law and codes of practice.

MP gives backing

DUDLEY South MP Chris Kelly has welcomed the new Technical Baccalaureate, announced by the Government. It combines a vocational qualification, a core maths qualification and an extended project to test literacy skills.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



JUST back from five days in Rome, I encounter a curious phenomenon which tends to happen after holidays. The bathroom scales have malfunctioned.

I USED to travel a lot but it takes only a couple of Boeing-free years to forget the first rule of being abroad: The friendlier the locals seem, the more careful you should be. In the Via Cavour, like an idiot, I nodded vaguely at some grinning waiter's offer of "a very special wine for you" and was landed with an £18 bill for a half-bottle of dismal plonk before you could say Rimini. Later, a fawning café manager, smarming around the tables like a buttered snail, became our new best friend and offered me a complimentary glass of grappa. Examining the bill later, we found my free drink cost me £5. Lessons? Agree to nothing until you have seen the menu. Always ask for the "official receipt," not the scribbled scrap they prefer. And always decline the bread basket (no pane, grazie), unless you seriously want to pay £3 for four slices.

MY indignation at getting ripped off was made much more bearable by the usually canny Mrs Rhodes's purchase of a tiny travel torch from a Roman shopkeeper. He smiled sweetly and rooked her for £10. It reminded me of the old guide to haggling in foreign parts: If they ask 10, they mean eight, so they want six and it's worth four, so you offer two. It rarely works but it's fun.

WE WERE in Rome at the same time as Roger Bannister and three other Brits from Wordsley, Stourbridge who hit the headlines this week for being charged £54 for four portions of ice-cream. A Rome city councillor has described it as a scandal but the ice-cream stall owner, utterly unrepentant, says: "No-one forced them to order big ice-creams." True enough. And no-one forces tourists to go to Rome. The city's economy is stagnant and the Romans desperately need tourist money. It doesn't take too many stories like Roger Bannister's to make other trippers decide to go elsewhere.

MAY 16 has been designated National Aperitif Day. I assume it's sponsored by the British Dental Association.

CHARACTERS of our time. Columnist Mary Riddell identifies the saviour Labour has in mind to mend the broken economy. The Growth Fairy.

THE DUCHESS of Cornwall attended the State Opening of Parliament, wore a tiara and sat close to the Queen. She becomes more regal with every public event. Yet the Prince of Wales's official website is still insisting: "It is intended that The Duchess will be known as HRH The Princess Consort when The Prince of Wales accedes to The Throne." Does anyone seriously believe this? Bit by bit, as memories of Diana fade, our nation is being groomed for the prospect of Queen Camilla. And whyever not?

FIGURES obtained under the Freedom of Information Act reveal that hundreds of thousands of crimes, including 90 per cent of thefts from vehicles in London, are "screened out" by police as not being worth detailed investigation. A spokesman for the Association of Chief Police Officers says: "It should be emphasised that any crime that presents solvability factors should receive appropriate investigation." Does anyone investigate crimes against the English language?

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Axe-wielding hooded thugs smash way into shops



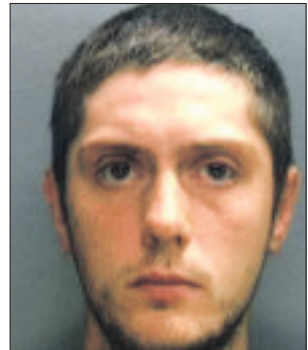
Andrew Scanlon - robbed a Co-op store



Anthony Everitt - axe above his head



Jake Williams - terrifying attack



Stuart Plant - admitted conspiracy

Jail for gang members who left their victims terrified

by John Scott

THE raids were over in minutes but the terror will live with their victims for years.

The hooded and masked gang burst or smashed their way into shops in the Black Country and Staffordshire wielding an axe and screaming abuse and threats.

They vaulted the serving counter as shocked staff, customers and even children covered for cover, then tore cigarettes from the display cabinets and hurled the packets into dustbins and collapsible laundry bags.

The thugs also grabbed cash from either the safe or till before fleeing in a waiting car with a getaway driver at the wheel.

They deliberately targeted convenience stores where mainly women worked and struck around opening or closing time when fewer staff were on duty. One shop had already shut by the time they arrived and so they drove their car through the locked front door tearing it off its hinges.

Significant

Shops at 24-hour garages were also hit along with a branch of JD Sports where £6,280 worth of clothing was taken. Terrified women staff and customers at the stores were warned they would be "cut" or killed if they did not follow orders.

Mr Gareth Walters, prosecuting, said: "The choice of an axe was significant because this had a much greater capacity to terrify than something like a simple iron bar. Many people, staff and customers were very frightened."

A gang struck 22 times between May 24 and September 22 last year escaping with at least £56,000 worth of cigarettes and £12,500 cash Wolverhampton Crown Court heard last week as four members were jailed. They admitted various involvement in eight of them - and not all were linked to all of those - but there was "strong evidence" of a close association between them through phone traffic, the court heard.

Anthony Everitt, aged 35, was the raider



A CCTV image shows a raider loading cigarettes in a laundry bag



A raider carries a distinctive collapsible bag in the shop



The raider leaps over the shop counter to escape

with the axe when he struck with at least two other unidentified masked men at the Tesco Express store in Dudley Road, Halesowen, at 9pm on August 21. A member of staff, Claire Jones, was moving towards the exit when she came face to face with Everitt who brandished the axe over his head and screamed: "Get back or I will stab you."

Jake Williams, 22, Stuart Plant, 23, and other masked men armed with an axe and hammer robbed the Spa in Castle Street, Coleley, at 8.30pm on September 11 and the pair were in the gang that struck again later the same day at Tesco Express in Walsall Road, Great Wyrley, at 11pm after it had been locked up for the night.

Williams is the only crook known to be

involved in the terrifying attack on the shop at Murco 24 hour petrol station in Bloomfield Road, Tipton, at 3am on September 16. Three days later he was in the team that kicked in a window at 3am before bursting into the shop of the 24-hour Shelfield Service Station in Lichfield Road, Walsall.

But the net was closing in on him. On September 19 he had been seen in the early hours taking a bag of cigarettes to the Bloomfield convenience store in Bloomfield Road just yards from the Murco Filling Station raided three days earlier.

Detectives said that there were sufficient similarities to conclude that 22 crimes were committed by members of the same gang. Williams, from Meldon Drive, Bilston,

Everitt, 35, of Wallace Road, and Stuart Plant, 24, from Daley Road, both Bradley, each admitted conspiring with others to commit robberies. Williams was jailed for eight years eight months after admitted taking part in a further five raids in 11 days while Everitt confessed to involvement in two more and was locked up for seven years three months. Plant also pleaded guilty to being on two further robberies and was sent to prison for six years four months.

Andrew Scanlon, of Oak Road, Tipton, admitted robbing the Dudley Co-op and was sentenced to four years. Binning, aged 33 of Pond Lane, Parkfields, who ran Bloomfield convenience pleaded guilty to handling stolen goods and was jailed for two years.

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Response over plan for venue

ALMOST 4,500 people have responded to a consultation into the future of music venues in Wolverhampton, with council chiefs considering building a new multi-million pound centre to rival Birmingham's National Indoor Arena.

Bosses launched a survey earlier this year to gauge demand for a larger entertainment venue in the city.

It came amid concerns that the current 3,000 capacity Civic Hall struggles to compete with the much larger LG Arena and NIA in Birmingham, which pull in acts such as Justin Bieber, One Direction, Girls Aloud, Oily Murs and Alfie Boe.

Any new venue would have to be financially viable and, in effect, pay for itself via ticket sales, corporate sales and lucrative sponsorship deals.

Discussions are at an early stage and another option on the table is to expand the Civic Hall.

Council chiefs revealed a total of 4,422 people had responded and said a report on what to do next would be drafted in the coming weeks.

Wolverhampton City Council spokesman Gurdip Thandi said: "The responses have been extremely positive towards the venues and how people see the future."

Bus times now on app

INFORMATION on all National Express bus times in the West Midlands is now available on a smartphone app.

More than 75 per cent of the region's buses are now providing live updates to transport authority Centro's Network West Midlands app.

The application, which has been downloaded by more than 20,000 West Midlands passengers, now displays realtime - information updates for all 1,687 of the region's National Express buses.

Each of the fleet has been fitted with tracking devices which use GPS technology to pinpoint their location at any given time.

Tom is champion

A STUDENT from Halesowen College has been named apprenticeship champion in recognition of his efforts at a Dudley lift company. Tom Harris, aged 20, works at Lift and Engineering Services, Cradley Heath and is now the champion for the Dudley area.

Killing callous and humiliating, says judge



Victim Shane Watson

'CALLOUS, humiliating and degrading' - those were the words used by senior judge John Warner to describe the killing of popular Sedgley man Shane Watson.

The 23-year-old was punched, kicked and stamped to death by Shylon Wishart and James Cartwright following a night out with his family and friends. The killers even took pictures of themselves urinating on their victim and taunted his concerned girlfriend and mother when they tried to get in touch with Mr Watson over the phone.

But with the words of Judge Warner ringing in their ears, the duo were jailed for life - with Wishart sentenced to a minimum of 16 years and

Cartwright, aged 18, at least 13. Sentencing them at Wolverhampton Crown Court the judge said the attack was a 'joint enterprise' adding: "We will never know where exactly the truth lies as to why this attack started."

But the judge said the victim was subjected to 'gratuitous acts of degradation' and that the attackers both boasted about their 'callous and handy work' among revellers at a party.

During the trial last month of Wishart, aged 19, who had pleaded not guilty to the killing, the court heard Mr Watson had been in Monty's Bar, in High Street, Sedgley, on July 27 last year into the early hours.

He and his girlfriend, Kelly Handley, were

walking to a friend's house after leaving the bar when they became separated after a row.

Within minutes, former Dormston School pupil Mr Watson, spoke to her on the phone and saying he would come and find her because she was not familiar with the area. But that was the last time she managed to speak to him.

The two killers, who had also been in Monty's Bar and were on their way to Wishart's nearby home, pounced in the alleyway and kicked, punched and stamped on Mr Watson until he was dead.

Tragically, it was she and Miss Handley who discovered Mr Watson's battered body in the alleyway off Springfield Grove.

Sentences not long enough say victim's grieving family

THE heartbroken family of Shane Watson said the minimum sentences his killers were given were not long enough. Judge John Warner ordered Shylon Wishart to serve a minimum of 16 years and James Cartwright at least 13, in custody.

But Mr Watson's cousin Scott Maher-Butler said the whole family had been upset by the length of the minimum terms and had been hoping the pair would have to serve longer. "We weren't very happy with the amount of time they got - but then the sentence is never going to be long enough," he said. "Everyone is very upset at the moment."



Shylon Wishart



James Cartwright

'Suits' idea for patients

OUTPATIENTS could be given 'suits' similar to medical scrubs instead of traditional gowns at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital, under new plans.

Staff have been looking to replace the gowns, which tie at the back and are considered by many to be too revealing.

They are currently providing 'double gowns' to patients to protect their modesty when they visit the hospital for tests and x-rays. But staff are now looking at alternatives to make people feel more comfortable.

In-patients, who do not take their own nightwear, are already provided with uni-sex pyjamas if they want them.

Chief executive Paula Clark said: "Our patients' privacy and dignity is very important to the Dudley Group and we are looking into the practicalities of introducing suits similar to medical scrubs worn by theatre staff to replace double gowning."

"At present, patients who require an x-ray, CT scan, MRI scan or fluoroscopy are given two gowns to ensure their dignity is respected at all times."

"Double gowns are used in outpatients."

A seven-day trial heard that Wishart and Cartwright, targeted Mr Watson in the alleyway off Springfield Grove in Sedgley. Mr Watson's battered body was discovered in the alleyway by his mother Jane and girlfriend Kelly Handley.

Sector crown prosecutor Martin Lindop, said he hoped the sentencing would at least bring 'a sense of closure' to Mr Watson's friends and family.

He added: "This is an extremely tragic case of a young man who had become separated from his girlfriend after a night out in Dudley, and who then had the misfortune of coming across two evil and dangerous men in the form of Cartwright and Wishart who were both high on drugs and alcohol and it seems were looking for trouble that night."

Cigarette

"The two men approached Mr Watson on the premise of asking for a cigarette, but instead they launched a ferocious and unprovoked attack on him resulting in Mr Watson receiving serious head injuries from which he would later die."

"Not content with this heinous crime, the pair then stole Mr Watson's mobile telephone and other personal effects, and as Mr Watson's girlfriend and mother tried to contact him, the pair answered the phone and began to taunt and boast to them as to what they had done to him."

Detective Inspector Nigel Harrison, who initially led the investigation, said: "We hope the family can have some sense of closure following their terrible loss." Cartwright, 18, of Sandyfields Road, had earlier admitted murder while Wishart, 19, of North Springfield, Sedgley, was found guilty of the charge after trial.

Shop in the finals

CELEBRATIONS of Stourbridge in High Street is a finalist in the Midlands and Wales section of this year's Greeting Card Retail Awards, known as the Retas. The winners will be announced at an awards event in London on July 10.

Eye on the tigers at exhibition



From left, Zoo chief executive Peter Suddock, Head of Media and Communications Jill Hitchman, wildlife photographer Phil Brooks and Talvinder Chohan at the launch

AN exhibition of photographs offering a snapshot of the past year for two tigers at Dudley Zoo has been launched.

The Year of The Tigers is on display on an outdoor gallery, which spans the upper and lower levels of the Tecton big cat enclosure.

It shows images taken by photographer Talvinder Chohan of tigresses Tschuna and Daseep.

The zoo's head of media and communications, Jill Hitchman, said: "Talvinder has

been working on a tiger conservation project with our media team since December and his photographs so capture the spirit of our two female tigers that we wanted to share his work with our visitors."

Talvinder, a biologist, from Birmingham, said: "I have always wanted to have my own exhibition; I can't believe that dream has come true and especially for it to be on tigers, it's just perfect, I can't thank Dudley Zoo staff enough."

NEWS in brief

US flag will fly as tribute in city run

THE stars and stripes will be put up on the route of Wolverhampton Marathon and participants asked to salute it as they pass to pay tribute to the victims of the Boston bombings.

Organisers say they want to remember the runners who lost their lives or were injured when the US city was hit by a double bomb blast.

Wolverhampton Marathon's Planning Committee will respect the victims of the attacks by planting the US flag outside Aldersley Stadium.

Heads team up for new scheme

Headteachers from schools across the borough, Halesowen College and the University of Worcester have launched a new scheme.

Pupils from Leasowes, Hillcrest and Wordsley schools have been taking part in 'gifted and talented' taster days at the college and university.

The groups are learning skills including film making, mathematics, geography, English, German and history.

MP gives support to heart campaign

AN MP has backed a campaign by a national children's heart charity to raise awareness among parents.

The Think Heart campaign encourages parents to check for warning signs of possible heart problems in their children.

Stourbridge MP Margot James has spoken of her support for the Children's Heart Federation which aims to increase early diagnosis of children's heart conditions.

Cash grant pays for urgent repairs

URGENT repairs have been carried out at a social club to make the building safer.

Wribbenhall Social Club, Bewdley, received a grant of £1,880 from Biffa Award to pay for the work.

The club is in a building, that is 80 per cent wood, but some of it had started to rot. The grant has been used to repair the roof and replace guttering.

Run raises £6,000

A FUN run which brought hundreds of visitors into Halesowen and raised £6,000 for good causes will be expanded, say organisers as they announce details of this year's event.

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IN MY VIEW

WITH
MARK
ANDREWS

HERE'S one for the technically savvy, cost-conscious music lovers among you.

The financial website love-money.com reports on an exciting new way to listen to music, and all completely free of charge.

"The Twitter app analyses tweets to decide what music users will like. You can also see what kind of music your favourite artists are listening to and find out about emerging 'artists' which are 'hidden in the tweets'," it tells us.

Apparently, the 'Twitter app' lets you listen to a preview of a song, but to hear it in full you'll have to go to Spotify, Rdio or iTunes.

Now, I have no idea what any of that means, but it does sound good. Learn it off by heart and recite it in the right circles, and you will boost your street cred no end as a young, happening dude with your finger on the pulse of modern culture and technology. However, I can foresee one or two problems.

First of all, while I don't know precisely what a 'Twitter app' is, I am fairly certain it requires either a computer or one of those funny phones with a touch-screen the size of a television. For those who own neither, this 'free music' does not sound very free at all.

But secondly, I don't think this is actually very new. I have had a small portable device which allows me to listen to unlimited free music for many years.

It's called a radio.

WHO'D be David Moyes, eh? Well in a job where some managers make millions simply by getting the sack, quite a few of us actually.

But while he has achieved remarkable things in his 11 years at Everton, he will find expectations much higher at Manchester United.

Those fans in the Home Counties are notoriously hard to please.

INCIDENTALLY, Sir Alex Ferguson was presented with a gold watch to mark his retirement. In a blistering farewell speech, he complained it was seven minutes fast.

TALKING of gold, did you clock the bling Prince Charles was wearing at the State opening of Parliament?

Given that, unlike his father and younger brother Andrew, he has never been decorated for war service, one does wonder how he has earned all those medals. Maybe he bought them off Gordon Brown when he was selling our gold off cheap.

Perhaps it gives us a clue to how the Government is going to fund all those promises made during the Queen's speech. Charlie's off to Cash Converters.

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LOCAL NEWSPAPER WEEK

Injured footballer who still delivers

Determined delivery boy Keegan was not going to let a broken leg stop people getting their Chronicle as CHARLOTTE LILLEY explains

AFTER breaking your leg in two places the last thing you would want to do is deliver 170 newspapers, but that is exactly what one 16-year-old from Wolverhampton has been doing for the last two months.

Keegan Leary of Brook Close in Coven, has high hopes of becoming a professional footballer and has been playing for PRD United, which is managed by his father Andrew, since the age of seven.

But after a tackle during the last 10 seconds of a crucial cup final game against Shire Oak in December last year, his dreams were shattered.

The Codsall Football Academy student was rushed to hospital where his worst fears were confirmed, he had broken his fibula, tibia and shattered his shin.

Doctors said it would be a year before he would be able to play again and told him to forget about delivering the Wolverhampton Chronicle each week, something which he has been doing since the age of 13.

Heartbreaking

Keegan says: "I was devastated. I knew my injuries were serious because I was in a lot of pain. I had to have an operation where plates were put in my ankle and I had screws inserted where my joint was. It was a nasty break."

"Doctors told me I would be out of football for a long time which was heartbreaking to hear because I had been playing really well up until then."

"To add insult to injury, I wasn't able to deliver the Wolverhampton Chronicle on my paper round which I have been doing for almost four years. I always make sure I deliver the paper whether it is raining, snowing or sunny outside, so I was really fed up."

After a few of months indoors on crutches, Keegan decided it was time to get back outside delivering the newspaper.

He started off by delivering to a few



Keegan enjoys his normal weekly newspaper round

houses at first with the help of his parents, but as his leg began to heal, he was able to deliver to up to three streets at a time.

He says: "My mum and dad had been delivering the paper for me while I was recovering but I was glad to start doing it again. A lot of the people I deliver to had been asking where I was and one lady even gave me a card."

"Delivering the Chronicle really cheered me up. It took my mind off football and gave me something to do that I enjoyed. I always read the paper, particularly the sport section to keep up to date with what is going on in football and I really enjoy going on my rounds because



Talented - Keegan with some of his footballing trophies



So grateful - Keegan with his mum and dad, Alison and Andrew

it brings in a bit of money which is important for young people my age."

"I think my parents were worried that I was doing too much too soon and were concerned about how heavy the bag was going to be, but I knew I could do it."

Surprised

Keegan's mother Alison says: "I think Keegan's dad and I were more frightened about the break than he was. We were a bit reluctant about him doing his paper round in case the bag was too heavy for him but he was adamant that it was something he wanted to do."

"He has been delivering the Chronicle since he was 13. It's great because it brings in money for him"

Keegan, whose father Andrew also works in the Chronicle's distribution department, has since started physiotherapy and is hoping to be back on the pitch when footballing season begins again in September.

He says: "I was given the all clear and told everything was looking good last month. I have since started physio which is helping me a lot."

"I think I have surprised doctors at how fast I have recovered. It is probably my eagerness to get back out there and back to normal which has helped. I have recently started football training again."

"My parents have been great all the way through."

THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

THE West Midlands was at the centre of the General Election battle after Labour deputy leader Denis Healey accused the Prime Minister of wrecking the region. At a crowded meeting at West Bromwich town hall, Mr Healey said Mrs Thatcher had given the area the lowest standard of living in the country.

A 13TH century house in Wombourne was turned into a country pub for the television cameras. The Wodehouse was used by Central Television as a backdrop for the comedy series The Other 'A'.

A BILSTON man slammed Wolverhampton council's promise to collect garden waste for pensioners as "a load of rubbish." Joseph Perrins said he had waited three months for the refuse depot to remove eight bags of leaves from his garden.

1993...

A MAJOR campaign was launched to save free travel passes for nearly half a million pensioners in the region. West Midlands PTA and the Pensioners' Convention joined forces in an attempt to persuade the government to change the way it funded public transport.

UNEMPLOYMENT figures in Wolverhampton soared past the 20,000 mark, confirming its reputation as the jobs blackspot of the West Midlands. Council chiefs blamed the figures on a sharp decline in the region's manufacturing sector.

A PERTON pensioner was reunited with his sister - 53 years after his family was split up by the Russian invasion of Poland. Jan Bobrownicki was delighted to meet his sister Irena, having been told his family were all dead after he arrived in Britain in 1947.

2003...

A WOLVERHAMPTON mechanic swapped his spanner for hot water and towels when his partner gave birth in his living room. Greg Owen followed phone instructions from a midwife as he helped to deliver his 9lb 3oz daughter Katie Anne.

A WOLVERHAMPTON City Council payroll clerk put her calculator away - after almost 50 years with the authority. Joyce Durkin retired as the council's longest-serving member of staff having joined the payroll department in 1953.

THE DRINK that first whetted Brits' appetites for lager faced a sharp exit after brewery bosses announced it was winding down production. Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries, which brewed and distributed Harp, announced the tipple would only be available in a limited number of pubs.

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He had attended this clinic on the 17th as originally arranged without any problem.

Even if it had to be changed it was a little late in the day to inform him.

He always has to wait for an appointment to come by post following his visits as do my husband and I, cannot help but wonder why. Surely it would be more cost effective

to make a yearly appointment at the time of attending and only write if it has to be changed (in plenty of time of course).

I know some will probably forget, but it can only be a benefit to those who do attend and have all been booked at the same time.

With the high cost of postage these days it does not take long to build up a huge bill for genuine letters, but if mistakes like this are made on a regular basis, (and they are it seems) it is just a complete waste of NHS funds.

JENNY JAMES
Dock Road
Wordsley

Vile man should be charged on deaths

JAMES McCormick has been jailed for 10 years for selling useless golf ball detectors as bomb detectors.

These detectors were not fit for purpose, and this vile man knew it.

Lots of people must have died because of this man lining his pockets, knowing they were not what he said they were.

Being charged with fraud is not enough, 10 years is not enough. This man should also be charged with manslaughter. These so called bomb detectors gave a false sense of security to those using them in Iraq.

The money he has stashed away should be taken away and given to all those people who have suffered because of explosions from bombs, that were not detected, because of this man's greed. He knew what he was doing, has he no shame?

EILEEN TRACEY
Booth Close
Kingswinford

God's angels on hospital wards

I FEEL I must tell of my experience on the Georgina unit C-4 Ward 2 at Russell's Hall Hospital. The Nurses and staff are second to none. In my three week stay I never saw one frown or long face. Nothing was too much trouble. There are two words that come to mind - God's angels.

Thanks again C-Ward for making my recovery pleasant and happy.
JOHN HINGLEY
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Frustration at process of applying for a badge

IN Oct 2112 I was diagnosed with cancer and commenced chemotherapy.

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In February 2013 I was persuaded to apply for a long blue badge. Two months later I received a phone call to say my application could not be processed until eight weeks had passed following my operation, which takes me to the end of May. What relevance is there in this? I have recovered from the operation two weeks ago and all I want is to regain my mobility. I have now had cancer for seven months with severe side effects and can't get a blue badge. How many others have been treated like this?

MRS JOYCE BERRY
Dudley

Every victim should be treated equally

CAN some apologist please explain to me why so much special emphasis has been placed on Stephen Lawrence ever since his murder 20 years ago?

He is only one of thousands of victims of racially motivated murder and violence (many of them white), most of whom don't have a plaque marking where they were attacked and most of whom haven't had a memorial service attended by sycophantic politicians and others.

All those who keep going on about Stephen Lawrence need to be reminded of just three examples of the numerous other murders that have taken place. Such as the murder of a young soldier in Birmingham by a gang of black youths; the murder of a white youth in Cambridgeshire by a gang of Asians and, of course, the hacking to death of PC Blacklock on Broadwater Farm estate in London.

Any violent attack, whatever the outcome and whatever the colour or creed of the victim, is worthy of equal coverage and equal condemnation because all of the victims are equally important to their friends, their family and to a caring society.

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NEWS

Free car parking boost for market misses target

A FREE car parking trial aimed at boosting trade at a Brierley Hill market has instead improved business for town centre shops, market chiefs have said.

Bosses at Concord Market say while the initiative has benefited shopkeepers, the scheme have not proved as fruitful for stall-holders.

They are now pulling together feedback from business owners before considering whether to make the trial permanent.

Market owner Shane Birch-Bastock said the trial ran for two months at its 70-space car park behind the indoor market off High Street.

He said: "A lot of the shop keepers in that end of town said it improved their trade but the market traders here say they didn't really notice too much difference."

"In an ideal world if all the car parks in Brierley Hill did it then it wouldn't have been so bad and it would benefit the town."

"But with just one car park it's not really fair." He said customers would also be asked for their views on the scheme before a decision is made. "We're looking at surveys and numbers at the moment."

Mr Birch-Bastock, also head of the Brierley Hill Traders' Association, had been inspired to trial the free parking to boost trade, amid news that, with 29.6 per cent of shops empty, the town had one of the worst-performing retail scenes of any small town in the country. Mr Birch-Bastock, said his car-park, which is between Venture Way and Mill Street, was the last in the town to start charging for parking in 2004 and it was a decision he made reluctantly.

Bus trip to bird centre

The Bumble Hole Conservation Centre is running a bus trip to Slimbridge Wetland Centre for keen conservationists. The trip is in aid of the Downey Duckling Week and is on May 30. The bus leaves from the car park at the centre in Netherton at 9.30am and leaves Slimbridge at 4pm.

Mya steps up the cash



Mya Gordon, aged 10, who raised more than £300 for the British Red Cross

A BRAVE Dudley girl beat has raised hundreds of pounds for charity at a dance extravaganza.

Mya Gordon, aged 10, not only did a solo dance at the Red Cross event while competing against eight groups, but also opened the show with her performance.

The Congreaves Primary School pupil, from Netherton, decided to enter the annual British Red Cross Dance: Make Your Move event in Shropshire to build her confidence after having to move schools due to bullying. So she choreographed a

solo piece, in which she depicted the effects of war on different people including a soldier, schoolgirl, refugee and nurse, dancing to the song War by Edwin Starr.

And although she didn't win the competition, in which she was up against eight other groups formed of 117 children from around the Midlands, she did raise £310.50 for the charity. Mother Hayley Edwards said: "I'm very very proud of her. She said she didn't care about winning the event, just raising the money for the charity."

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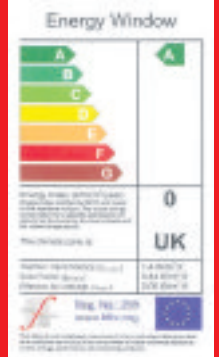
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NEWS

On target for charity



Mark Jones from Pensnett gets ready for the event

DART players from across Dudley will step up to the oche for an annual tournament held in tribute to a blind player who once defeated former world champion Eric Bristow.

The event will be held at the Miners Social Welfare Club, Commins, Pensnett, on May 18 with competitors able to register until 1pm on the day.

It costs £5 to take part and the knockout competition will begin at 2pm. The event is being held as a tribute to John Westwood, nicknamed Johnny Dartboard, who successfully played the game despite being registered blind.

Memory

He would throw from memory, hitting trebles and doubles as his team-mates would call out the score.

Mr Westwood, who was also known as The Legend by his friends, died in 2006 at the age of 59 after suffering a heart attack. The event has been organised by his wife Anita, and promoters include Mark Jones, from Pensnett, who plays in the BDC league.

Cash raised from the competition will be donated to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

Mr Westwood's friend Joanne Whittaker said this year's event was extra special as it was the first time they had been able to find a venue in Pensnett, where Mr Westwood lived.

She added: "John was a wonderful man and a real gentleman. This is an event in a tribute to his memory and all he achieved in the sport."

More nurses and leaders are needed, say patients

MORE nurses, stronger leadership on wards and better communication between staff and patients have been highlighted as key areas to improve quality of care at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital.

by Lee Watton

More than 70 current and former patients packed out a public meeting last week to air their views as part of an investigation over high death rates.

NHS medical director Professor Sir Bruce Keogh is leading a review of 14 hospital trusts, including Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, in the wake of the Stafford Hospital scandal.

An independent team of doctors, nurses and patient representatives is visiting the hospital after mortality figures showed higher-than-expected rates for the past two years.

Patients and their families met with the panel to share their stories of the treatment they had received. Retired social worker Jacqui Wilmore, 67, of Stourbridge, said she had been treated at Russells Hall in 2011.

"There was a lack of basic care and leadership on the ward. Someone needed to be firmly in charge to ensure the basics were being done," she said.

"I have been told things have improved since, however I can only talk from my own experiences," she added. Renal patient Michael Hardy, 58, of Leabank Road, Halesowen, said he was concerned about the hours staff had to work.

"Some are doing a 14-hour shift and then are on calls as well," he said. Elaine Weston, 54, of Swan Street, Pensnett, said her 28-year-old daughter Kelly had died in 2009.

Mrs Weston said: "I have come here to talk and push for better communication between management, staff and patients." Brian Taylor, 59, of Sandbank, Bloxwich, said: "I visited Russells Hall in February and the wards were clean and the staff really caring." A report will be published later this year.

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NEWS

Campaign starts to rid park of bad behaviour

A CAMPAIGN to curb anti-social behaviour at a Dudley park have been launched by councillors and residents.

There have been complaints about irresponsible pet owners failing to clear away dog mess from King George V Park, in Wordsley.

The park's friends group is also asking for patrols to be stepped up by police after finding evidence of drugs use by youths.

They want people to take pride in protecting the park for the families and their children that regularly visit the beauty spot. Dozens of young footballers play on pitches at the park, off Lawnswood Road, including teams from Wordsley Wasps FC.

But the campaigners claim pitches can often have dog mess on them which they say can be a health risk. The park also features a children's playground and other facilities including tennis courts.

However, groups of youths have been congregating in the park and concerned friends group members have found discarded cannabis wrappers and other drug paraphernalia recently. Ward councillors Derrick Hemingsley and Glenis Simms are joining friends group chairman Chris Enwerem to demand action.

They intend to raise the matter with police and council enforcement teams.

Councillor Hemingsley said it was important because the park is near Belle Vue Primary School. "As a local councillor and governor at Belle Vue I feel very strongly about the issues especially dog fouling," he said. "This is can be dangerous."



Chairman of the Friends of King George V Park, Chris Enwerem, with Councillors Glenis Simms and Derrick Hemingsley, who are behind the campaign

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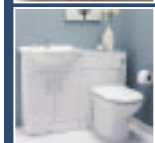
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NEWS

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Plaza Malls managing director Tony Swannie wants to add to his sites in Halesowen and Dudley and has set a £2.4m price for a partner to join him.

He says the cash would be used to open more malls, with Wolverhampton and Kidderminster among places shortlisted. The investment offer is listed as 'a commercial property for sale', but Mr Swannie insists he does not want to sell up.

In 2008, the firm opened its first mini mall in Halesowen's High Street. Three years later, the firm spent £1m converting Dudley's former Woolworths into another mall. Together, they are home to more than 60 different small businesses. Mr Swannie said: "We are not selling the malls - we are looking for investment so we can open more in the area."

He said while no sites had been earmarked in other towns and cities, each mini mall would cost about £600,000.

The company was forced to look for investment because the banks would not lend the cash needed, Mr Swannie claims. He values his business at £6m.

He said: "The malls are a great success. They bring all the local businesses together to deliver customers with what they want at an affordable price."

"We are in a niche and it is working well, that's why we are looking to expand further."

Stores looking for cause

TWO supermarkets in Stourbridge and Dudley are looking for new charities to support - and want customers to help choose one. Sainsbury's in Amblecote and Merry Hill are asking shoppers for suggestions for their next Local Charity Partner initiative. Pick up a nomination form at a store or visit www.sainsburys.co.uk/localcharity

Josh's king of the castle



King - Joshua Parker, aged 10, with Langan Turner from Dudley Castle

A DREAM came true for 10-year-old Joshua Parker when he was crowned king for a day at Dudley Zoo and Castle.

A coronation ceremony took place in the 11th century castle courtyard as the youngster from Dudley Road, Sedgley, was given a royal welcome.

After being presented with his crown, he took part in a bird of prey

display and tried his hand at falconry. His regal visit was organised as a treat for the schoolboy after he spent time in hospital recovering from an appendix operation.

It was organised by Steve Ford of the Wishing Well programme based at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital.

Joshua, a pupil at Straits Primary School, said he enjoyed his VIP day.

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Club hands over £2,000

A CHARITY in Stourbridge has benefited from the town football club's FA Cup fairy tale run more than two years ago.

Stourbridge FC bosses have awarded £2,000, given to them by the Football Association, to the Mary Stevens Hospice.

The cash was provided to the club to donate to worthy cause after the side reached the first round of the FA Cup in 2011.

Club chairman Andy Pountney said, when we received the letter from the FA, the board of directors decided to award the money to Mary Stevens Hospice.

£4m jam-busting plan

A £4 million plan to ease congestion on a busy route through the Black Country is being drawn up.

Dudley Council will submit a bid for hundreds of thousands towards the work on the A4101 High Street, in Pensnett.

Bosses say the road is 'the last remaining bottleneck' between the Pensnett Trading Estate, in Kingswinford and junction 2 of the M5 at Oldbury.

The application comes after it was announced that a fund of £27.6 million would be available for transport projects in the Black Country.

The region has been given the money by the Department of Trans-

port and councils are now deciding on how the money should be spent.

A programme for the improvements along High Street is now being developed. It is hoped revamping the route will help businesses as well as motorists in the borough.

The work, expected to start during the 2016 to 2017 financial year, is expected to take two years.

A report by Councillor Judy Foster, says the project is considered a priority scheme by the council.

During rush hour traffic can build up on the route, which goes past Russells Hall Hospital, with queues stretching back to Kingswinford and also in the opposite direction at the junction with Pensnett Road, which leads to the busy A4036 Pedmore Road

near Merry Hill Shopping Centre.

The council is also working on separate plans to ease congestion on the Birmingham New Road by revamping a junction at Coseley.

A bid for funding for the work at Shaw Road has been lodged by leaders in Dudley and Wolverhampton City Council. They want to make the route safer for pedestrians and motorists as well as reducing queues.

Each council will contribute £202,500 to the project and leaders hope the rest of the cash will come from the Government's Local Pinch Point Fund, which is aimed at tackling bottlenecks on busy routes.

The £27.6m funding boost for the Black Country was announced by the Government last month.

Homes plan for former sewage site re-emerges

CONTROVERSIAL plans to build more than 140 new homes on a former sewage works have resurfaced almost a decade after they originally emerged.

Severn Trent Water was given outline planning permission to transform the disused Caledonia Sewage Works, off Thorns Road, Stourbridge, into a riverside housing estate in 2004.

Now, the company has put the site up for sale to prospective developers with an asking price of £3 million.

The sewage works was closed in 1998 following the doubling in size of the water company's other plant at the Roundhill Treatment Works, Kinver.

Sarah-Jayne O'Kane, spokeswoman for Severn Trent Water, said: "The reason we

are selling the site is because it is surplus to requirements - we no longer need it."

She added: "The site is being marketed by our land agents Lambert Smith Hampton as a site suitable for residential redevelopment, subject to planning."

Although the housing proposals have outline planning permission, any developer would have to get full planning permission from Dudley Council before starting work on the 23-acre site.

The site includes six acres of land let out for farming. The tenancy agreement can be cancelled at a month's notice. The removal of the treatment plant and equipment would be the responsibility of the buyer.

The water company first set out a proposal for 125 homes for the site in 2001.

Magical experience for Ben, 14



Ben Houghton, aged 14, with Ipswich Town's sales manager Rosie Richardson



Ben learning the ropes at Ipswich Town's ground guided by Rosie Richardson

TEENAGE magic fan Ben Houghton conjured himself up a top-notch work experience slot with championship football club Ipswich Town in a national competition.

Ben, aged 14, who helps out at a magic shop in his home town of Stourbridge, said it was a dream come true to gain experience with a professional sales team.

The Aston Villa fan was particularly keen to win npower's What's Your Goal? competition because his ambition is to own or work in a shop.

Ben, of Farlands Road, Oldswinford, a pupil at Redhill School, spent a day with Ipswich Town's sales manager Rosie Richardson and her team.

Then his skills were put to the test by coming up with, and presenting to the team, a new idea to generate ticket sales - and his

suggestion was for an interactive phone application to appeal to younger fans. Earlier this year, npower started searching for young people with a desire to work within the sports industry to help launch their future careers and support their future employment opportunities.

More than 500 youngsters across the country applied for the chance to spend a day with stars including TV presenter Clare Balding, football commentator Jacqui Oatley, and professional football player for Arsenal Kelly Smith.

Ben successfully applied for the 'position' of sales manager. He said: "It was a really fun day and having the chance to spend the day with Rosie and go behind the scenes at Ipswich Town FC was a dream come true."

Catering assistant is an award winner

A CATERING assistant at a Stourbridge tourist attraction has won a regional award.

Josh Hancox, who works in the Organic Cafe at Ruskin Glass Centre, picked up the West Midlands Young Adult Learner prize. His love of cooking developed when he started attending Glasshouse College in 2009 and did work experience in the cafe.

During his studies he learned skills such as glassblowing, weaving, pottery, drama and catering.

He now has a full-time job at the Ruskin Glass Centre and spends some of his time mentoring students from the college. His commitment to learning has been recognised as preparations for Adult Learners' Week which starts on May 18.

The 20-year-old from Stourbridge said: "I still continue to learn every day doing a job that I love. I have never felt happier. I now plan to become a barista and a chef."

Snapper to stage talk

WORLD-renowned photographer Brian Griffin is among those talking about literary works at Dudley Big Book Fortnight.

He will speak about his work and new book: The Black Kingdom, an autobiography of his time spent growing up as a working class child in the region. The event, on Thursday May 23 at Dudley Library at 2.30pm, is free but those interested should call the library to book a place. Big Book Fortnight runs from May 11 to 25.

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Measles threat to 15,000 children as jabs avoided

MORE than 15,000 children in the region are at risk of catching measles because they have not been vaccinated, it has been claimed.

New figures have been released in the wake of a measles outbreak in Wales where there have been 1,011 cases, with the 10 to 18 age group hardest hit.

Health chiefs across the Black Country and Staffordshire are now planning to offer the vaccination to those between the ages of 10 and 16.

Around 5,607 youngsters in Sandwell have not had both MMR jabs, with 2,760 of these not even having had one. In Dudley around 3,800 children have not had the two jabs required.

Wolverhampton City Council, which confirmed four cases of measles last year, said 3,028 children between 10 and 16 had either had only one jab or none at all.

In Walsall there were no cases of measles last year but two were described as 'probable' so far this year.

Staffordshire County Council said about 5,925 children between seven and 16 had not had the two MMR jabs required. While council figures show more than 95 per cent of children aged between 24 months and five years were vaccinated between April and December last year, there were no numbers saying how many teenagers may have missed the jab.

Call to find man's family

RELATIVES of a man who died earlier this month are being asked to get in touch with Wolverhampton City Council. Norman Proud, of Whitmore Reans, Wolverhampton, died on April 18, aged 76, at Abbey Lodge Residential Care Home. The council is trying to trace Mr Proud's relatives so his funeral can be arranged - anyone who is related to Mr Proud is asked to contact Elaine Thursfield on 01902 555740 or email elaine.thursfield@wolverhampton.gov.uk

Hot stuff for Joan's 90th



Birthday girl Joan Wyer with the kissagram, her cousin Jennifer Yarnell, 60, and son Allyn, 53 who was celebrating with his mother

PLUCKY pensioner Joan Wyer has celebrated her 90th birthday with a special birthday gift - a fireman kissagram.

Mrs Wyer, "It's the first time I've ever seen anything like that," said mother-of-one Mrs Wyer, of Stourbridge.

She was born in Stamburn Mill in Lye and married builder John Robert Wyer at Stamburn Mill Church on New Year's Day in 1949. He died in March 1990. The couple

have a son Allyn, aged 53, who lives in Wollaston.

Mrs Wyer, who lives at Tudor Manor on Brook Street, said: "I've had a good life and I'm looking forward to my telegram from the Queen when I turn 100."

Mrs Wyer said she was looking forward to a birthday dinner with friends at the home and her family. Son Allyn was also going to perform some songs during the afternoon.

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THE BLACK COUNTRY SOCIETY

THE Kingswinford branch meeting was held at St Mary's Church Hall on Wednesday, April 17 when Patricia Boyd was the speaker.

She gives many talks but on this occasion her subject was "upstairs Downstairs" giving a fascinating insight into what life was like in large houses and estates years ago. She talked about the downstairs staff butler, cooks, parlour maids, servants, etc who all had their various jobs to do in the running of the properties and making sure everything went smoothly "upstairs".

Patricia showed pictures of clothes worn by the lady and gentleman of the big house, the lavish table settings for big events and how eventually after the wars, things became more difficult to recruit staff.

There was no slide presentation but Patricia made the talk come to life with her superb delivery.

The chairman thanked Patricia for her talk and coffee was served by Keith Jeavons.

Ray Sturdy was to a slide presentation at the May 15 meeting. Tickets, at £6, were also available for the buffet supper to take place at the last meeting of the season on Wednesday, June 19 with entertainment from New Dimensional Experience Choir.

It's only 24 hours to Stourport for water

Cake to celebrate fifth club birthday

GENTLE EXERCISE GROUP

THIS May the group enters its fifth year of gentle exercise at the Richardson Hall, Lawnswood Road, Wordsley.

They will celebrate with the usual birthday cake during the social time, following the session, when tea or coffee is always served. Membership has fluctuated over the past year but holds a steady number and another successful year is anticipated. Several outings have been organised and all enjoyed a Christmas lunch at the Mount Pleasant, Kingswinford.

The group took part in Wordsley Community Association's Christmas Bazaar with a cake, fresh vegetable and fruit table and also the open day in June. Several members continue to support the 200 club organised by the association.

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The group is open to all ages and disabled facilities are available. It meets every Friday from 1.30pm to 2.30pm with a social half hour of tea, coffee and biscuits afterwards.

MYTIME OVER FIFTIES

APRIL'S meeting began with a lively talk by John Billingham. Members and visitors listened to Mr Billingham blending in both geography and history during his talk about the River Stour.

Did we know there are five rivers in the country with this name, with the most famous being the Essex/Suffolk Stour? This river is famous as Constable painted the Haywain crossing the river at Flatford Mill.

The meaning of the word is "stream" or "fast flowing/powerful" derived from Germanic origins. Our own River Stour is indeed fast flowing as it falls from more than 700ft above sea level from its origin in the Clent Hills to 65ft above sea level at its point of entry into the River Severn south of Stourport also collecting many tributaries on the way.

Mr Billingham pointed out that if the sea levels rise as predicted with climate change Stourport could become 'Stourport on Sea'. The river and its tributaries drain a large area of country or 'basin' from Wolverhampton southwards and such is its speed that any water entering the Smeaton Brook tributary takes only 24 hours to get to Stourport. The River Stour itself arises in the Clent hills.

Thanks were given to Mr Billingham for such a fascinating talk.

Competing for annual quiz

CLEMENT GARDENING CLUB

Rob Cole from Meadow Farm Garden and Nursery at Feckenham was April's speaker. A large and enthusiastic audience was enthralled by his talk entitled "Birth of a Dream".

Chairman Pat Orme announced that the plant for the competition at the flower

show in September will this year be a fuchsia and these were offered for sale in the form of plug plants for

members to grow. The meeting was concluded with the monthly raffle.

The meeting tomorrow night (Friday) at Belbroughton Church Hall will be the annual quiz between Belbroughton Horticultural Society and Clent Gardening Club, followed by a supper.

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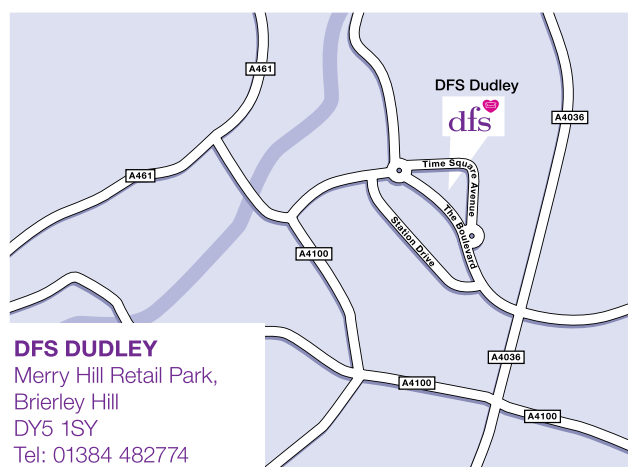
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MEMORY LANE



Prisoners of war returning to RAF Cosford at the end of the Second World War



In the mid-1960s RAF Cosford had its own farm to supply food

Days of camouflaged Cosford



Bernard Smith, left, during his service day when he was stationed at RAF Cosford and today aged 87

THE grass at RAF Cosford was painted to look like a hedgerow.

Cows were brought in to wander its satellite landing grounds. So meticulous were the efforts to disguise the valuable planes in its care, that airmen would even string washing lines from the hangars.

"If there were Spitfires or Mosquito bombers out in the field, they would dig big holes around them and drop trees in," says Squadron Leader Graham Lee. "The idea was to make it look like a farm."

It certainly worked. Throughout the war, RAF Cosford was only bombed once, and it appears that was probably by accident.

Cosford, which was hastily put up amid growing tensions with Nazi Germany in the run-up to the Second World War, celebrates its 75th anniversary in July.

The milestone, along with that of the Supermarine Spitfire, with which the station has a close association, will be recognised at Cosford Air Show on June 9.

The need for a new RAF base close to the industrial heartlands of the West Midlands was identified by the

by **Mark Andrews**

mid-1930s, following Hitler's rise to power and the breakdown of disarmament talks between France and Germany.

Cosford was one of several sites chosen. It was also decided the site would make an ideal location for an RAF technical training school.

Major building work, which included the construction of 38 hangars, began in February, 1938, and somehow it was officially declared open within five months.

Gloves

But, demonstrating the make-do-and-mend philosophy of the time, the camp was far from finished when it opened to the new trainees.

"In winter 1938 and 39, many of the new recruits would be sat at their desks with their coats and gloves on, because there wasn't any glass in the windows, or they hadn't yet put the doors on," says Graham.

No. 9 Maintenance Unit, which stored and serviced aircraft, as well as supplying them to squadrons serving in the front line, opened the following year. Spare parts for Spitfires were also produced. The base

became so busy two overspill landing grounds were opened at nearby Brocton and Weston Park. In 1942 the unit started producing gliders.

By this time, there were 9,000 staff and trainees stationed at Cosford, most of them living in tents. A major RAF hospital was added in 1940. From April, 1945 it serves as a repatriation and rehabilitation centre for returning RAF prisoners of war.

Bernard Smith, now 87, was a corporal there during the closing stages of the war. "We were housed in wooden huts dispersed outside the main camp perimeter," he says.

He returned as an engineering instructor in 1946 to find the huts were more permanent and in the main camp.

"I remember, during the big freeze of 1947, the corporal's club that I belonged to held a party, but the beer was frozen in the bottle."

He also recalls the airmen going around opening doors during the freeze, so the toilets would freeze and the men would be sent home.

"I always remember it as a happy camp," says Mr Smith, who now lives in Leicestershire.



Aerial view of RAF Cosford at the start of the Second World War with the airfield camouflaged by painting on fake hedges

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COMPETITION

Anniversary air show is all set for take-off

RAF Cosford's 75th Anniversary Air Show will soon be ready for take-off and the Chronicle series is offering the chance to win free tickets to the show.

Eleven lucky readers could win a pair of tickets to the show which is being held on Sunday, June 9.

The RAF Cosford Air Show will return with an extravaganza of entertainment for all the family.

Alongside the thrilling flying action, visitors will be treated to non-stop entertainment on the ground. With so many new things to see and do at the 2013 Air Show, the experience will be breathtaking.

Interactive

Aircraft confirmations include a number of historic aircraft including the RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, the last airworthy B-17 Flying Fortress in Europe and Avro Vulcan XH558 from the Vulcan to the Sky Trust, as well as the famous RAF Red Arrows.

Enjoy expanded interactive aircraft and military displays, arena demonstrations, visit the fair ground, shop for craft and memorabilia or visit the RAF museum where entry is included.



Watch the thrilling Red Arrows team with their usual daring displays



In 2013 the show will celebrate three important Anniversaries: The 75th Anniversary of Royal Air Force Cosford, the 75th Anniversary of the Spitfire entering RAF service and 40 years of RAF service from the Jaguar jet aircraft.

Supporting our troops

All profits from the RAF Cosford Air Show are donated to local and service charities in support of military personnel and their families.

Ticket information

Tickets are £20 in advance, £25 on the day (cash only) and free for children under 16 when they are accompanied by an adult. Car parking is free.

Tickets can be purchased at www.cosfordairshow.co.uk, by calling the credit/debit card 24-hour ticket line: 0871 230 1083 (calls are 10p per min plus network charges).



Spitfire is always a favourite



HOW TO ENTER

To be in with a chance of winning, simply answer this question:

Question: Which World famous RAF aerobatic display team are appearing at this year's show?

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Look what's included...

Coach on Sunday morning for the journey to the Lake District. Our first stop is the village of Cartmel, spend a leisurely hour here, then go on to our hotel with time to settle-in before dinner this evening.



Monday: Breakfast prior to a special day in the Lake District. The coach will take you to Haverthwaite to board a steam train for a short journey through the scenery of the Leven Valley to Lakeside. Here, we board a boat for a 40 minute cruise on Lake Windermere to Bowness. Enjoy some free time in Bowness including time for lunch if you wish. To round off the day we take a short trip along the shores of Windermere, through Ambleside to Grasmere and stop here for a little while before we finally leave the Lake District for home.

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Monday: Breakfast, then we go up to the Lake District where you'll have time to yourself in Bowness and Ambleside before we leave for home, arriving back early evening.

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Day 3: After breakfast, a nice morning trip to Teignmouth and later we spend some free time in the major resort of Torquay.

Day 4: Breakfast, then today is left free for you to explore Paignton at your own pace.

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Day 3: We'll go onto the Isle of Portland and have a photo stop at Portland Bill. From here we take the Abbotsbury Road to the little resort of West Bay for a great view of the Jurassic coast from the harbour. We then go to the market town of Dorchester.

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The Speech was all about backing people who work hard and want to get on in life. We know Britain can be great again because we've got the people to do it.

The Queen's Speech showed we will back them every step of the way.

Under Labour, Britain's problems went much deeper than our deficit. As new powers were rising across the globe, Britain risked falling behind in the global race.

Since this Government came in we have already made good progress. We're fixing benefits so it always pays to be in work.

Cutting

We're making income tax fairer, cutting it for 24 million people and taking two million out of it altogether. Immigration is down by a third and crime is down by more than 10 per cent.

This has all been done while cutting a third of Labour's deficit.

The Queen's Speech built on these achievements and the Government's forthcoming legislative programme detailed in the 'gracious speech' includes further important reforms to control and reduce immigration, deterring those who would abuse our system in the form of an Immigration Bill.

We want this country to

Dudley South Conservative MP Chris Kelly takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views



"We want this country to attract people who will add to our national life, but those who will not should be deterred."

attract people who will add to our national life, but those who will not should be deterred. We will bring forward a bill to clamp down on those from overseas who abuse our public services through:

Stopping immigrants accessing public services to which they are not entitled and compelling landlords of private housing to check the immigration status of tenants, facing fines if they don't.

Making it easier to remove people from the UK by legislating to ensure that Article 8 (the right to family life) is not abused. Courts will balance the crime committed against

the right to remain in the country.

Whilst I have welcomed the content of the Queen's Speech and the help it contains for hardworking people dealing with the rising cost of living and the challenges of a difficult economy, I did sign an important amendment to the motion welcoming the speech tabled by my Conservative colleague, John Baron MP. The amendment simply reads:

'Respectfully regrets that an EU referendum bill was not included in the gracious speech.'

As a signatory to the amendment I will be voting for it should it be selected by

the Speaker and pushed to a vote.

I was pleased to visit Dudley Foster Care Association's centre at Glazebrook House on Peartree Lane. As Dudley Council say, foster carers are our superheroes in disguise.

For more information about fostering in our borough visit www.dudley.gov.uk/fostering.

I enjoyed visiting Severn Bore Piling Limited in Brierley Hill. It's always enjoyable visiting growing businesses in Dudley South and this company is succeeding in winning contracts for motorway upgrades up and down the country.

Knocking

I went door knocking in Kingswinford North and Wall Heath with other members of your local Conservative action team. I also held another busy constituency advice surgery at Brierley Hill Library.

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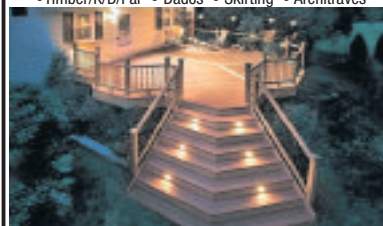
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REVIEWS

No shock as this Miss delivers another hit

Caro Emerald – The Shocking Miss Emerald
DUTCH jazz-pop singer Caro Emerald has made a big impact with her vintage glamour and catchy retro sound with hip-hop touches.

Her second album is not quite as instantly appealing as her delightful debut was but it sticks to the proven winning format. Highlights include the tango-tastic Tangled Up, dub reggae flavoured Black Valentine and 60s-style ballad The Wonderful In You.

Caro Emerald is in concert at Birmingham Symphony Hall on September 16 but it is already sold out.

Lady Antebellum – Golden
SLICK country rock love songs from one of Nashville's class acts, featuring the vocals of Hillary Scott and Charles Kelley with Dave Haywood on guitar.

Lady A are never going to be revolutionary but country music's top band draw more on Fleetwood Mac style mature rock than the Grand Ole Opry. All For Love sounds like a hit.

Gabrielle Aplin – English Rain
PLEASING semi-acoustic pop debut from a 20-year-old singer-songwriter from Bath. Includes her hit Please Don't Say You Love Me, new single Panic Cord and her chart-topping cover of Frankie Goes To Hollywood's The Power Of Love. Aplin will be in concert at The Institute, Birmingham, on November 5.

Sarah Brightman – Dream Chaser
DRENCHED in strings and a 'new age' atmosphere, the showbiz soprano has created an appealing pop and classical cross-over album. There are new songs and an interesting selection of covers. The latter



Caro Emerald – second album out

includes an epic version of Elbow's One Day Like This, Sigur Ros melody Glosoli with new English lyrics by Chris Difford, Henryk Gorecki's gorgeous Symphony Of Sorrowful Songs, and the Cocteau Twins' Eperdu. The final track, aptly entitled Closer, is a song arrangement of a section of Mike Oldfield's opus Tubular Bells.

James Blake – Overgrown
WITH his woozy electronic arrangements and plaintive, vulnerable, emotional voice, Londoner Blake is like a soul singer for the dubstep/drum 'n' bass generation.

If his debut album was so distinctive it made people take notice, his second has more substance, though that seems a strange word for a sound so ethereal it could float away on a breeze. His voice is akin to

Aaron Neville and Antony Hegarty, his electro-soul is original, yet sometimes akin to Brian Eno, Thom Yorke and The XX.

Rapper RZA guests on Take A Fall For Me. Highlights include the haunting Retrograde, the urban soundscape of Life Round Here and Blake hinting at his admiration of Joni Mitchell on Our Love Comes Back.

James Blake is in concert at The Institute, Birmingham, on September 21.

Billy Ocean – Here You Are
WHEN the going gets tough, the tough sing covers. That may be a little harsh as Ocean has got a nice soulful voice to croon such songs here as A Change Is Gonna Come, Cry Me A River, You Send Me and No Woman No Cry. He even tackles one from the Sinatra songbook, It Was A Very Good Year.

But the overall feel is rather cruise ship cabaret.

Billy Ocean is performing at Lichfield's Garrick Theatre on May 29.

David Bowie – Aladdin Sane
TO mark its 40th anniversary, Bowie's sixth album – one of the glam rock era classics alongside Ziggy Stardust and Diamond Dogs – has been remastered by Ray Staff at London's Air Studios.

He cut the original LP recorded at Trident Studios and received praise for remastering Ziggy on its anniversary.

As for the actual music, it still sounds terrific from the driving opener Watch That Man via the demented doo-wop of Drive-In Saturday, soul stomper Panic In Detroit and classic rock song The Jean Genie with one of the all-time great guitar riffs.

Leon Burakowski

A full house and fancy footwork

Stars of Strictly: Pasha & Katya, The Prince of Wales Centre, Cannock.

THERE was a full house for the return of Strictly Come Dancing professionals Pasha Kovalev and Katya Vorshilas when they thrilled a Cannock audience with their fabulous footwork.

They were joined by Ryan Hammond and Lindsey Muckle from the South African version of Strictly.

The entertaining two-hour show had a modern Hollywood theme. Ryan and Lindsay thrilled with Foot-

loose but Pasha and Katya got an appreciative gasp for the famous Dirty Dancing lift.

The audience saw a clip of Katya dancing the tango with Antonio Banderas in Take The Lead before a bare-chested Pasha wielded a cape for what shall be known as the 'pasho dable'.

Three couples picked from the audience were schooled to step out in passionate Latin style and apply it was won by a couple planning to marry. There were also two perform-

ances by Class One Dance Academy in Cannock.

Both pairs of pros came together for crisply choreographed routines based on The Cell Block Tango from Chicago and a jiving Grease megamix. But the highlight was the elegant Viennese waltz to Twilight hit A Thousand Years. The two stars also did a question and answer session and stayed behind to sign autographs and pose for photographs with fans.

Leon Burakowski

Award-winning trio get going from the onset

Lau, Glee Club, Birmingham
THERE may only be three members to the award-winning Lau but you certainly get a full sound from the trio once they get going – and they did right from the first number.

They opened with The Burrian, from the album Race the Loser, which had all the hallmarks of a traditional instrumental with East Anglian Martin Green on piano accordion, and Scots Chris Drever on guitars and Aidan O'Rourke on fiddle.

Another album track Saint Monday followed and was a much softer piece where Drever introduced his distinctively mellow, slightly melancholic voice into the proceedings.

Drever's composition Horizontigo had a mellow acoustic opening with a slow, sombre sound balanced perfectly between the accordion and fiddle and there was almost a spaghetti western/Spanish-style undertone about it.

Throwing Pennies brought Drever back into the proceedings again, while O'Rourke brought the soft fiddle sound in for Torsa.

The audience was also treated to Far From Portland, The Bird that Winds the Spring and Save the Bees heading towards the Midnight Feast ending.

Danny Farragher



Valerie June – eclectic mix

When she sings at the bottom end of her range her voice is, deep, soulful, velvety and emotive. However, when she hits the top end the power overtakes the quality and the screechy high frequency becomes almost white noise which no doubt has the ability to bring down aeroplanes.

She slowed down to the ballad Twined and Twisted but again at the high end filled the room with ease but it was most of the time unintelligible.

Love Lot a Lie, was the best song which really gave a better indication of how good her voice can be. She filled the torch song with emotion and her clear tones carried over the audience

in waves. For Shotgun, June pulled out the slide guitar and with the unusual addition of a female drummer went into a frenzy of crazy blues which sounded more like the grizzled Seasick Steve than the demure songstress on the stage.

Throughout the set she incorporated good 'ol country, heavy blues and funk and even a smattering of gospel. When she brought her voice down to the level of human hearing she was awesome but when she took it up into the rafters it was time to make sure you weren't near anything which frightened easily.

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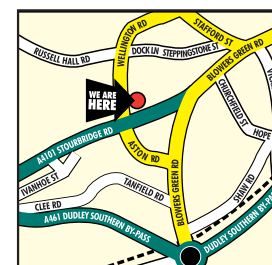
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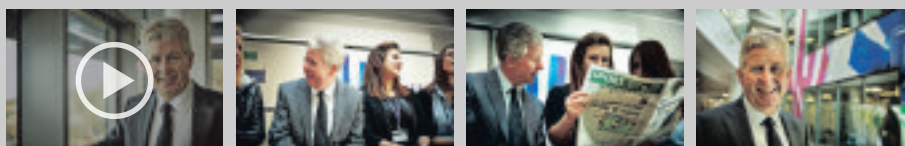


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THE musical movie that won standing ovations from cinema audiences – Les Misérables (12) – was released on Blu-Ray and DVD this week. We are offering readers the chance to win a DVD of the acclaimed film based on the hit West End show.

The epic tale of revenge and redemption, set in 19th century France, stars Oscar-winning Anne Hathaway, Hugh Jackman and Russell Crowe. The musical based on the novel by Victor Hugo features such songs as I Dreamed A Dream and, Bring Him Home. The Blu-Ray version features almost an hour of bonus material.

Who wrote the novel Les Misérables? Send your answer on a postcard with name, address and telephone number to DVD competition, Chronicles (editorial), 51-53 Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES. Closing date May 24. Usual rules apply. Editor's decision is final.

Catch tomorrow's rock stars as a new generation rolls in

Back to the 60s musical

THE BIGGEST and brash-est feel-good musical of recent years, Hairspray, is back on the road and comes to Birmingham Hippodrome from Tuesday.

Freya Sutton steps into the spotlight as the unstoppable Tracy Turnblad, promoting dancing, hair products and improved inter-racial relationships in 1960s Baltimore.

Finalist

Waterloo Road actor Mark Benton steps into Michael Ball, John Travolta and Brian Conley's dancing shoes as her mom Edna.

Former EastEnders Lucy Benjamin is vicious Velma Von Tussle and X Factor finalist Marcus Collins plays Seaweed Stubbins. You Can't Stop The Beat until June 1.



Big girl you're beautiful – Freya Sutton as the irrepressible Tracy Turnblad in the new touring version of hit 1960s Baltimore musical Hairspray, coming to the Hippodrome

A RISING new generation of rock acts are coming to the West Midlands.

Bastille, the musical vehicle for the talents of Dan Smith, has sold out an eagerly-awaited gig at the Birmingham O2 Academy on November 3 – not bad for an outfit that only released debut album Bad Blood in March.

The new single will be Laura Palmer, inspired by the murdered girl in 1990 cult TV show Twin Peaks. Bastille fans who are also going to see Muse at Coventry's Ricoh Arena on Wednesday, can catch them as the support act.

Bugg

The O2 Academy is also the venue for young Nottingham singer-songwriter Jake Bugg, who has a stint of three gigs at the Bristol Street venue, on October 28, 29 and November 10.

Raw Liverpoolian rockers The Dirty Rivers play at the Hare and Hounds in Kings Heath on May 25, the same venue as psychedelic hipsters Temples on June 19.

There is a chance to catch rising stars Young Kato when the Cheltenham six-piece, featured on TV's Made In Chelsea, play the O2 Academy 3 on May 27.

On May 28 the next big thing from Manchester, 1975, play the HMV Institute Library in Digbeth.



Bastille's Dan Smith

Laughs upon Avon

MORE than 35 acts feature at the Comedy Hullabaloo festival over the May 23-26 bank holiday weekend in Stratford-upon-Avon. Several venues in the town will be used and tickets start from £9. The acts include Al Murray, Sandi Toksvig, Milton Jones and Ed Byrne. See comedyhullabaloo.com

REVIEW

Yes, Prime Minister, Grand Theatre
WHEN it comes to good entertainment this hilarious foray into the world of political drama and intrigue gets my vote.

The original writers of the classic BBC TV Series, Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn have reunited for this production with a new satirical take on Whitehall. Following three sell-out West End seasons this successful play has really made a name for itself.

Prime Minister Jim Hacker and his Cabinet Secretary Sir Humphrey Appleby are back, spinning out of control through the collapsing Euro and austerity measures in a world of 24-hour news, Blackberrys and 'sexed-up' dossiers.

Crispin Redman is superb in the role of the evasive and unscrupulous Sir Humphrey. How he remembered all his tongue-twisting dialogue is quite amazing.

He contrasted perfectly with the bumbling Prime Minister (Michael Fenton Stevens) who fails to grasp most of Sir Humphrey's 'advice'. Most of the laughs were provided by Michael Matus who played the naive Principal Private Secretary Bernard Woolley. An excellent production.

Sue Attwater

Grand Holly day

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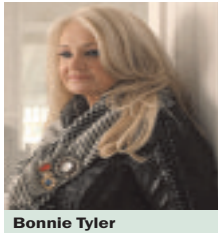


What's On!

SATURDAY'S TV 18.05.13

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CHOICE



Bonnie Tyler

Eurovision Song Contest 2013

BBC1, 8pm
Graham Norton returns to the commentator's booth for the 58th Eurovision, which this year takes place in Sweden. Favourite to win is Denmark's Emmelie de Forest. Norway's I Feed You My Love has been described as a cross between Daft Punk and Metallica, while Marco Mengoni is the Italian X Factor champion. The UK is represented by Bonnie Tyler and Believe in Me; although we don't expect her to get nul points, we don't believe she'll turn out to be the winner either – but we'll be thrilled to bits if we're proved wrong.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Live MotoGP. **2.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **3.00** Film: Herbie: Fully Loaded. (2005) Disney comedy sequel, starring Lindsay Lohan and Michael Keaton. **4.35** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.20** Celebrity Mastermind. (R) **5.50** Pointless Celebrities. (R) **6.40** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **7.00** Doctor Who. Clara is summoned to a special meeting with Madame Vastra, where she hears a message for the Doctor – and it soon becomes clear he is being lured into a trap. Last in the series. **7.45** The National Lottery Draws. John Partridge presents a performance by veteran rockers Status Quo and sets the balls rolling to decide the all-important numbers. **8.00** Eurovision Song Contest 2013. Graham Norton commentates on the musical extravaganza from Malmo, Sweden, as Bonnie Tyler aims to become the first UK winner since 1997 with her country ballad Believe in Me. Red button viewers will be able to access lyrics to all songs and send comments. **11.15** BBC News: Weather; National Lottery Update. **11.35** Live at the Apollo. Al Murray hosts the stand-up comedy show from the Hammersmith Apollo, and welcomes guests Chris Addison and Tim Vine. (R) **12.05** Film: Life. (1999) Prison comedy, starring Eddie Murphy. **1.45** Weatherview. **1.50** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.40** Film: Till the End of Time. (1946) **8.20** Film: Flying Leathernecks. (1951) **10.00** A History of Scotland. (R) **11.00** Map Man. (R) **11.30** Just a Minute. (R) **12.00** The Chef's Protege. (R) **12.30** The Chef's Protege. (R) **1.00** The Chef's Protege. (R) **1.30** The Chef's Protege. (R) **2.00** The Chef's Protege. (R) **2.30** The A to Z of TV Gardening. **2.50** Coast. (R) **3.50** Auction Hero. (R) **4.50** Film: The Eagle Has Landed. (1976) **7.00** Flog It! Paul Martin and the team visit Wilmslow, Cheshire, where valuable items include jewellery, toys, porcelain and a Georgian tea table. (R) **8.00** Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring initiates a recruitment campaign, but makes the mistake of leaving Wilson in charge of the poster. Starring Arthur Lowe and John Le Mesurier. (R) **8.30** Sincerely, F Scott Fitzgerald: A Culture Show Special. To mark a new film adaptation of The Great Gatsby, Jay McInerney explores the life and writing of the author through the letters he sent to editors, publishers, lovers and friends. **9.30** QI XL. Stephen Fry hosts an extended edition of the quiz, with Jo Brand, David Mitchell, Phill Jupitus and Alan Davies answering questions on the theme of intelligence. (R) **10.15** Film: West Is West. (2010) Premiere. Comedy sequel, with Om Puri and Aqib Khan. **11.55** Film: The Walker. (2007) Drama, starring Woody Harrelson. **1.35** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Special Agent Oso. **6.10** Special Agent Oso. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** Animals. (R) **7.15** Animals. (R) **7.20** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.35** Ultimate Spider-Man. **8.00** Jessie. **8.25** TV News. **8.30** Dinner Date. (R) **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.15** My Tasty Travels with Lynda Bellingham. (R) **11.15** Saturday Farm. **12.15** ITV News: Weather. **12.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.30** River Monsters. (R) **2.30** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **3.15** The Chase. (R) **4.15** Film: The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery. (1966) **6.00** Regional Programme: Weather. **6.15** ITV News: Weather. **6.30** 100 Holidays. A countdown of 100 vacation-themed camcorder calamities and viewer-submitted mobile-phone clips. (R) **7.30** Britain's Got Talent. More hopefuls take their moment in the spotlight in an attempt to impress the four judges and secure a place in the live semi-finals. **8.45** The Cube. Two more contestants face the challenge. Last in the series. **9.45** The Jonathan Ross Show. With Lee Evans, Philip Glenister, Marc Warren, Max Beesley, Gemma Arterton and Primal Screen. Last in the series. **10.45** ITV News: Weather. **11.00** Film: Mickey Blue Eyes. (1999) Romantic comedy, with Hugh Grant and Jeanne Tripplehorn. **12.55** Jackpot. **3.00** The Starter Wife. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** VW Racing Cup. **7.00** The Grid. **7.25** FIM Superbike World Championship. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Simpsons. (R) **12.00** Heston's Fantastical Food. (R) **1.35** Channel 4 Racing. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.15** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.50** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.20** Come Dine with Me. Driving instructor Alison Firth hosts the final dinner party in Warwickshire. (R) **6.50** Channel 4 News. **7.15** Film: Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer. (2007) The superhero team faces a powerful alien sent to prepare the Earth for destruction by its planet-eating master. Fantasy, starring Ioan Gruffudd and Michael Chiklis. **9.00** Film: Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps. (2010) Premiere. Ruthless stockbroker Gordon Gekko helps a young banker get revenge on the company that drove his mentor to suicide. Drama sequel, with Michael Douglas and Shia LaBeouf. **11.40** Derren Brown: The Assassin. The illusionist investigates whether somebody could be hypnotised into killing a celebrity as part of a series of large-scale social experiments. (R) **12.40** Film: Crash. (2004) **2.30** Southland. (R) **3.10** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.15** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.15** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. (R) **10.50** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.15** Film: Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory. (1971) **1.15** Film: Darby's Rangers. (1957) **3.35** Film: The Dam Busters. (1954) **6.05** Last of the Dambusters: Revealed. RAF veteran George Johnson revisits the scene of his most memorable mission. (R) **6.55** 5 News Weekend. **7.00** Cricket on 5. England v New Zealand. Mark Nicholas presents action from the third day in the first Test of the two-match series, which comes from Lord's. **8.05** NCIS. Gibbs discovers Tony's father is linked to the team's latest investigation, which involves an assassination attempt on a Saudi prince. (R) **9.00** NCIS. Tony and Ziva visit Paris to escort Nora Williams, the key witness in an embezzlement case, back to America – but on the return trip they realise there is an assassin on the plane. (R) **9.55** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A teenager is found bludgeoned to death at a hotel. **10.50** Law & Order: Criminal Intent. A boxer comes under suspicion of murder. **11.45** True Crimes: The First 72 Hours. **12.10** SuperCasino. **4.00** Michael's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.45** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.15** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.35** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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BBC Three
7.00 Top Gear **7.50** The Premier League's Most Amazing Moments **9.45** Film: Face/Off (1997). Action thriller, starring John Travolta and Nicolas Cage. **BBC Four**
7.00 Swarm: Nature's Incredible Invasions **8.00** British Masters **9.00** Anne Dahl. Many Waters – Part One **10.30** Sing's James Bond **11.30** Omnibus: John Barry – A Licence to Thrill **ITV2**
2.05 Film: Kindergarten Cop (1990) **4.15** You've Been Framed! **6.30** Film: Small Soldiers (1998). Children's adventure, with Kirsten Dunst. **8.45** Britain's Got More Talent **9.45** You've Been Framed! Forever **10.50** Celebrity Juice **11.35** Britain's Got Talent **ITV3**
3.40 Jane Eyre **5.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Lewis. A religious fanatic is found beaten and drowned in his bath. **11.00** Wire in the Blood **ITV4**
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Kings XI Punjab v Mumbai Indians and Royal Challengers Bangalore v Chennai Super Kings. **8.00** Indian Premier League Greatest Games **9.00** Film: The Boat That Rocked (2009) **11.40** Film: Year of the Dragon (1985) **E4**
5.30 The Mindy Project **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Happy Endings **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** 2 Broke Girls **9.00** Film: Mission: Impossible III (2006) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory **Film4**
3.05 Paper Moon (1973) **5.10** California Man (1992) **7.00** America's Sweethearts (2001) **9.00** Saving Private Ryan (1998)

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Jason Isaacs

Case Histories

BBC1, 8.30pm
Jason Isaacs returns to his role as detective Jackson Brodie in crime drama Case Histories, set in Edinburgh and adapted from Kate Atkinson's series of novels of the same name. Having been on a break since the first season ended in 2011, the first episode sees Brodie approached by a woman who asks for his help in finding her birth parents, and his investigation leads him to a secret which has remained hidden for 35 years. Victoria Wood also stars as a retired police officer, who feels compelled to act when she sees a little girl being abused by her mother.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Live Worship for Pentecost. **11.00** Sunday Politics: Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.20** Countryfile. (R) **1.15** Bargain Hunt. **2.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **3.15** Points of View. **3.30** Littleline. **3.40** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.25** Songs of Praise. **5.00** Chelsea Flower Show 2013. **6.00 BBC News**; Regional News; Weather. **6.30 Countryfile**. Reports from the Thames Valley, where Matt Baker finds out why Henley-on-Thames is such a breeding ground for rovers and Julia Bradbury hunts for giant wood ants in Burnham Beeches. **7.30 Antiques Roadshow**. Fiona Bruce and the team are at Stowe House in Buckinghamshire, where former racing driver Jackie Stewart is among the visitors bringing in their antiques and collectibles. Red button viewers can play along by guessing the valuations. **8.30 Case Histories**. New series. Crime drama, starring Jason Isaacs as PI Jackson Brodie. A search for a woman's birth parents leads to the heart of 1970s police corruption. Victoria Wood guest stars. **10.00 BBC News**; Regional News; Weather. **10.25 Match of the Day**. Highlights of the final matches of the Premier League season, including Wigan Athletic v Aston Villa at the DW. Stadium and Newcastle United v Arsenal at St James' Park. **12.00** The Football League Show. **1.00 Film**: The Glass Shield. (1995) **2.45** Weatherview. **2.50** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.30 Film**: Ruthless. (1948) **8.15** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.45** The A to Z of TV Gardening. **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Chinese Food Made Easy. (R) **12.00** Great British Food Revival. **12.30** Live MotoGP. **2.15** EastEnders. (R) **4.05** Final Score. **6.30 Porridge**. Crafty con Fletcher helps new inmate Godber settle in by giving him a few lessons on coping with prison life. Comedy, starring Ronnie Barker. (R) **7.00 Racing Legends: Jackie Stewart**. Chief James Martin joins Jackie Stewart on a road trip through the Alps in a classic supercar to retrace the life and career of the three-time Formula One world champion. (R) **8.00 Ice Age Giants**. New series. Alice Roberts investigates the lives and habitats of the creatures that dominated the planet 40,000 years ago, beginning with giant mammals that roamed North America. **9.00 Australia with Simon Reeve**. New series. The adventurer begins a journey across the country, discovering how the camel is threatening the fragile desert ecosystem in the heart of Australia. **10.00 Mock the Week Looks Back at Food & Drink**. Another themed selection of material from the show's archives. Last in the series. **10.30 Film: Blood Diamond**. (2006) Action thriller, starring Leonardo DiCaprio. **12.45** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **1.40** Holby City. (R) **2.40** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Special Agent Oso. **6.10** Special Agent Oso. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** Animals. (R) **7.15** Animals. (R) **7.20** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.30** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **8.00** Sonny with a Chance. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Country House Sunday. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.20** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **11.20** Love Your Garden. (R) **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.25** Film: Murder on the Orient Express. (1974) **2.50** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **4.10** Film: Evan Almighty. (2007) **5.55** You've Been Framed! Top 100 Kids. (R) **6.45** Regional Programme; Weather. **7.00** ITV News; Weather. **7.15** Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts a revival of the game show in which contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000. **8.00** The British Soap Awards 2013. The stars of Coronation Street, EastEnders, Emmerdale, Hollyoaks and Doctors gather as Phillip Schofield hosts the annual awards ceremony honouring TV's most popular soaps. **10.00** ITV News; Weather. **10.15** Film: Children of Men. (2006) In a future stricken by mass infertility, a former activist tries to protect the only pregnant woman in the world. Thriller, starring Clive Owen, Michael Caine and Julianne Moore. **12.15** The Store. **2.15** Monk. (R) **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV News. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freesports on 4. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** The Simpsons. (R) **2.30** Film: Big Momma's House 2. (2006) **4.30** Deal or No Deal. **5.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **6.30** Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud revisits a prefabricated-home project in west Cumbria to find out whether Alan and Judith Dawson are happy with the finished product. (R) **7.30** Channel 4 News. **8.00** World's Weirdest Weather. Alex Beresford reveals the power of air and its role in the creation of strange weather events, from tornados spinning on the spot to dust storms, double rainbows and mirages. **9.00** Film: The Social Network. (2010) Premiere. Fact-based drama following internet billionaire Mark Zuckerberg's rise to wealth and fame, and the enemies he made along the way. With Jesse Eisenberg. **11.20** Don't Blame Facebook. Documentary tracking down people who have made extraordinary blunders on social media websites, revealing the potential dangers of sharing too much information online. (R) **12.25** Film: Walk the Line. (2005) **2.40** Southland. (R) **3.25** Gok's Style Secrets. (R) **4.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.15** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **6.30** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.45** Chloe's Closet. **6.55** Roobarb and Custard Top. (R) **7.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.15** Animal Antics. (R) **7.20** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.35** City of Friends. (R) **7.45** Little Princess. (R) **8.00** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.35** Mio Mao. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. (R) **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. (R) **11.00** Inside Hollywood. **11.05** Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild. (R) **12.05** Aliens: Are We Alone? (R) **1.05** Film: Godzilla. (1998) **3.40** Film: Hoodwinked. (2005) **5.15** Film: Cats & Dogs. (2001) **7.00** Cricket on 5. England v New Zealand. **8.00** Once Upon a Time. Spencer implicates Ruby in a murder. **8.55** 5 News Weekend. **9.00** Film: Righteous Kill. (2008) Premiere. Two New York detectives pursue a vigilante murdering criminals who escape justice, but realise the killer may be a cop. Crime thriller, with Robert De Niro. **10.55** Film: Out of Time. (2003) Premiere. Two New York detectives pursue a vigilante murdering criminals who escape justice, but realise the killer may be a cop. Crime thriller, with Robert De Niro. **1.05** SuperCasino. **3.55** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.45** County Secrets. (R) **4.55** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.15** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.35** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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BBC Three
7.00 How to Win Eurovision **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **9.45** Sweat the Small Stuff: Extra Sweaty **10.30** Family Guy **11.15** American Dad!
BBC Four
7.00 She-Wolves: England's Early Queens **8.00** The Review Show **9.00** The Man Who Shot Beautiful Women **10.00** Frank Skinner on George Formby **11.00** Rock 'n' Roll Britannia
ITV2
2.15 Film: Mamma Mia! (2008) **4.25** You've Been Framed! **4.55** Britain's Got Talent **6.10** Britain's Got More Talent **7.15** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (2008) **10.00** The British Soap Awards 2013: The Party **11.05** Celebrity Juice **11.45** Celebrity Juice: Soap Special
ITV3
2.40 The Railway Children **4.40** Goodnight Mister Tom **6.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** Vera **10.00** Prime Suspect
ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket **8.00** River Monsters **9.00** Space: Space Cowboys (2000) Space adventure, starring Clint Eastwood. **11.30** Film: Green Street (2005) **E4**
4.35 Revenge **5.35** New Girl **6.00** The Mindy Project **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Film: The Simpsons Movie (2007). Animated comedy, with the voice of Dan Castellaneta. **9.50** Rude Tube: Welcome to 2013
Film4
3.05 Hope Floats (1998) **5.15** Just My Luck (2006) **7.20** The Wedding Date (2005) **9.00** What Happens in Vegas (2008) **10.55** Shinjuku Incident (2009)

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What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY

Blind Trust, Channel 5, 3.15pm

An innocent woman stands trial for murdering her boyfriend and her best friend. When she is convicted, she manages to escape custody and goes on the run, hoping to find evidence of her innocence – only to discover her own lawyer is responsible for framing her. Thriller, starring Jessica Capshaw and Art Hindle. (2007)

TUESDAY

Bandits, BBC1, 11.35pm

Two convicts escape from prison and embark on a high-profile bank-robbing spree. A car crash leaves them with an extra accomplice – a bored housewife yearning for adventure, but before long her presence begins to disrupt their criminal enterprise and friendship, as well as their plans to retire to Mexico. Crime comedy, starring Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton and Cate Blanchett. Directed by Barry Levinson. (2001)

WEDNESDAY

Phenomenon, BBC1, 11.35pm

An unassuming car mechanic observes a peculiar bright light one evening on the way home from a bar, and finds himself transformed into a genius with telekinetic powers. However, he is unprepared for the problems that lie ahead, as he struggles to woo a divorced single mother while coping with his new-found gift. Drama, starring John Travolta, Kyra Sedgwick, Forest Whitaker and Robert Duvall. (1996)



Made of Honor, Friday, Channel 5, 10pm

THURSDAY

The Other Man, BBC1, 11.35pm

A husband learns his wife is having an affair when he discovers provocative photos of her with another man. He resolves to track down her lover and exact his revenge but when he is set to confront the man about his misdeeds, he instead strikes up an unlikely friendship, making him question whether he should continue with his vengeful scheme. Drama, starring Liam Neeson, Antonio Banderas, Laura Linney and Romola Garai. (2008)

FRIDAY

Made of Honor, Channel 5, 10pm

A single man realises he is in love with his best friend, but has never done anything about it out of a fear of commitment. Everything changes when she returns from a business trip to Scotland with a new fiancé in tow, leaving him determined to make sure the wedding does not go ahead. Romantic comedy, starring Patrick Dempsey, Michelle Monaghan and Kevin McKidd. (2008)

Pick of the Week

Bonnie aims for a Total Eclipse of the charts

Happy 58th birthday, Eurovision. Or should we say, Pump-Pump, Bern-Born, Tom Tom Tom. Boom Boom, Sing Sang Song.

They might not mean much to you, but to Eurovision fans, such nonsense lyrics bring back memorable nights of bizarre costumes, weird performances and eccentric singers.

The world's number-one cheesy music-fest is knocking on a bit, and is only a few short years away from claiming its bus pass – some might even suggest it's past its sell-by date, or that it's now so far removed from the times that it's taken a 'pipe-and-slippers' approach to music.

But if this year's entrants are anything to go by, the competition seems to have had an injection of youth serum.

Denmark's Emmelie de Forest is expected to do well. The 20-year-old appears to be channelling our own Sandie Shaw (who was the UK's first winner back in 1967 with Puppet on a String) on stage – well, she performs without shoes anyway.

Her track, Only Teardrops, is so catchy, she's the runaway favourite, and votes from her nation's close neighbours are expected to push her to victory.

Norway's I Feed You My Love has been described as a cross between Dalt Punk and Metallica, so we can hardly wait to hear that.

Marco Mengoni is Italy's X Factor champion, and his piano ballad could surprise a few on the night.

Russia will be attempting to go one better than they did last year when they were runners-up. Frankly, their rather bland song could put some voters off, so they're pinning their hopes on the appeal of singer Dina Garipova – it's a long shot, but it might just work...

And then, of course, there's the UK's Bonnie Tyler. We've been holding out for a Eurovision hero (see what we did there?) since Katrina and Waves were our last winners back in 1997.

There was a time when the British public voted for a representative in the Song for Europe competition, but after a woeful few years, folk at the

BBC felt they knew best and began choosing themselves.

The idea didn't work too badly with Blue, who finished 11th, but seasoned crooner Engelbert Humperdinck came a disappointing 25th in 2012.

Bonnie is also a veteran performer, and the nation will be behind her when she bashes out Believe In Me in Malmö. Hopefully, it won't be nul point for the pocket Welsh wonder, but we're not expecting great things either – so we'll be thrilled to bits if we're wrong.

Lewis Carnie, BBC Head of Special Projects, says: 'Bonnie is an artist with an international reputation and I am delighted that she has chosen to represent the UK in this year's contest. It is a great song and a truly wonderful performance that I am sure will do the nation proud.'

As for Bonnie herself, she can't wait for the night to start: 'I am truly honoured and delighted to be able to represent the United Kingdom at Eurovision, and especially with such a fabulous song. I promise to give this everything that I've got for the UK!'

Ding-Dinger-Dong to that!



Bonnie Tyler, Eurovision Song Contest 2013, Saturday, BBC1, 8pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

Hillsborough: How They Buried the Truth BBC1, 9pm

On April 15, 1989, Britain's worst football disaster took place at Sheffield Wednesday's Hillsborough Stadium. Ninety-six Liverpool fans were killed as a result of a crush, with 766 more sustaining injuries. In December last year, following an inquiry by the Hillsborough Independent Panel, the original verdict of accidental death for the 96 who perished was overturned: a new inquest will take place next year. This documentary, presented by reporter Peter Marshall, tries to unearth why various investigations into what happened on that tragic day in 1989 failed to reveal the truth. There's also a chance to see previously unseen footage of events.

The Job Lot ITV, 9.30pm

Sadly scheduled after Vicious, the brilliantly bitchy Ian McKellen, Derek Jacobi sitcom, this can look like a bit of an anti-climax to ITV's Monday night comedy double bill, but the latest offering of Midlands-based mirth may tickle your fancy. With Brownall job centre due for an anonymous inspection, Trish (Sarah Hadland) is looking out for the person who's going to file a report. Meanwhile, security guard Janette (Angela Curran) is determined to beat the Great Barr branch in the league table, and Karl (Russell Tovey) and George (Adeel Akhtar) join forces to interrogate a pair of big-time benefit cheats.

TUESDAY

Caroline Quentin's National Parks ITV, 8pm

The final programme in the series sees Caroline explore the New Forest, which nestles in the counties of Hampshire and Wiltshire. Caroline's first taste of life there sees her dangling above it – in the basket of a hot air balloon. Then she meets some of its most famous residents, the ponies born in the park that are often completely untamed, despite having owners, and helps catch a foal that will be sold and trained to be ridden. But it's the trees that make the area so special, and Caroline climbs one of them with help from tree surgeon Jo Hedger (an apt name if ever there was one) before relating why her experiences have convinced her that National Parks should be an important part of everyone's lives.

Town with Nicholas Crane BBC2, 9pm

If he was an actor, you'd be calling Nicholas Crane typecast by now. He's probably most famous for his work on Coast, the BBC's series in which he travels the length and breadth of the UK's shoreline in an effort to bring us fascinating footage from the towns and settlements along the way. In this new BBC series, however, he's visiting towns around the UK, beginning with Oban – which is situated on Scotland's west coast. Don't despair, though, because no matter how familiar the concept

might be, this is still a fascinating documentary. Here, the geographer and adventurer explains the surprising role Oban played in the Cold War, visits one of Scotland's oldest distilleries and meets artist John Lowrie Morrison at his studio.

WEDNESDAY

Bankers BBC2, 9pm

When you think of a banker, the image that comes to mind might well be that of a greasy-haired man in a pin-striped suit, greedily counting coins stacked up in piles around him. This might be picture more commonly found in a cartoon

strip, but in the wake of the payment protection insurance scandal (PPI), the last in this three-part series examines whether there is any truth in this stereotype, and what possibly caused a rip-off on such a monumental scale. Whatever the cause, the result of the policy is a compensation bill currently estimated at a staggering £25 billion, and RBS Chairman, Antonio Horta Osorio, Lloyds Group CEO, and the Archbishop of Canterbury consider how such a damaged system can ever be re-built.

The Da Vinci Code: The True Story, Thursday, Channel 5, 8pm

THURSDAY

The Da Vinci Code: The True Story Channel 5, 8pm

When Dan Brown penned The Da Vinci Code, it proved you don't need to be the best writer in the world to shift books by the truck load. You just need a controversial idea, and enough pace to keep readers turning pages. For newcomers, the story centres on Professor Robert Langdon, who's desperately trying to discover a mystery involving a speculative relationship between Jesus and Mary Magdalene. This documentary examines the possibility of Rosslly Chapel in Midlothian being the final resting place of the Holy Grail, and attempts to find out the secrets behind Leonardo da Vinci's mirror writing. Among the contributors are historian Mario Taddel, art restorer Cecilia Frosinini and graphic designer John Langdon, who inspired the heroic Professor Langdon.

FRIDAY

Life of Crime ITV, 9pm

The last of the current series take place in the present day, and Denise Woods (Hayley Atwell) is interviewed for the position of superintendent. However, her home life is a mess. Ex-husband Ray (Richard Coyle) reveals that her 19-year-old estranged daughter Charlotte (Ruby Thomas) is pregnant. Meanwhile, the case of a recent murder victim flags up the same 'unknown' DNA from 1997 and 1985, so the police officer hopes she can put her demons to rest by finding Amy Reid's killer. Through profiling, Denise builds a picture of two men, one dependent on the other, raping and killing together at music events.

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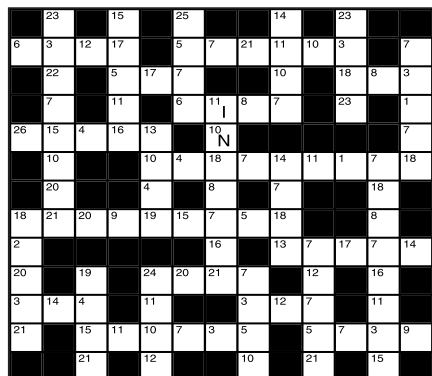
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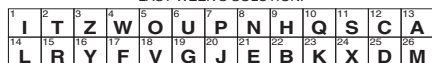
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

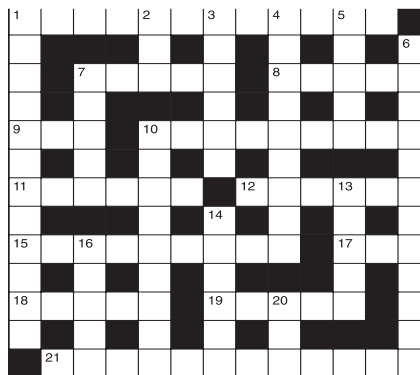
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Lighted match? (8,4)
7. Very much inclined to soak! (5)
8. Loop with a ring in the nose (5)
9. Pot plant? (3)
10. Turning quite sour and blue-green! (9)
11. Duty-free (6)
12. Descriptive of a man who can't settle (2,4)
15. Drivers of it can give one a lift no more (3-6)
17. Hasten from the chief (3)
18. Either way, it's essential to a helicopter (5)
19. The flighty take to them (5)
21. They throw things around spiritedly (12)

Down

1. How one knows immediately that someone is surprised? (4,3,5)
2. Stamp that will expire? (3)
3. Significance of what you bring in (6)
4. One taking part in the arms race? (3-6)
5. N. Zealander in the cinema or in the theatre (5)
6. Always greater, in spite of that (12)
7. Not immediately required to show mercy (5)
10. The one you keep under your hat? (3,6)
13. Those reformed show character (5)
14. An artist who might be other things to her (6)
16. Excel with an al-fresco celebration (5)
20. She is seven points short (3)



Quick Clues:

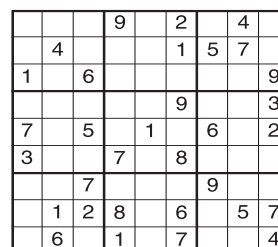
Across

1. Recollection (12)
7. Gloomy (5)
8. Bring on oneself (5)
9. Day before (3)
10. Desecration (9)
11. Agree (6)
12. Price list (6)
15. Explain (9)
17. Tree (3)
18. Wake up (5)
19. Revile (5)
21. Airing frame (7-5)

Down

1. Brazilian port (3-2-7)
2. Born (3)
3. Rigid (6)
4. Get rid of (9)
5. Hidden store (5)
6. Gratis (4,2,6)
7. Sediment (5)
10. Feeling (9)
13. Silly (5)
14. Leave empty (6)
16. Normal (5)
20. Expression of disgust (3)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

6	5	2	4	8	7	1	3	9
8	3	1	6	2	9	4	5	7
7	4	9	3	5	1	6	2	8
9	6	3	5	7	4	8	1	2
2	1	7	8	3	6	5	9	4
5	8	4	9	1	2	3	7	6
4	7	8	1	9	5	2	6	3
3	2	5	7	6	8	9	4	1
1	9	6	2	4	3	7	8	5

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 4 Appeals; 8 Hearts; 9 Contest; 10 Recipe; 11 Peased; 12 Portrait; 18 Larboard; 20 Detour; 21 Better; 22 Cortage; 23 Scores; 24 Regatta. Down: 1 Therapy; 2 Lascars; 3 Stupor; 5 Prompter; 6 Esteem; 7 Lessee; 13 All right; 14 Caners; 15 Address; 16 Decode; 17 Portia; 19 Bleach; QUICK - Across: 4 Special; 8 Thread; 9 Alarmed; 10 Putrid; 11 Malady; 12 Necklace; 18 Allocate; 20 Strand; 21 Racket; 22 Sublime; 23 Loosen; 24 Terrace. Down: 1 Slipend; 2 Protect; 3 Labial; 5 Pell-mell; 6 Circle; 7 Agenda; 13 Academic; 14 Mawkish; 15 Destiny; 16 Attune; 17 Taller; 19 Orator.

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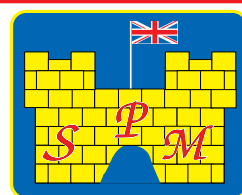
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BRIERLEY HILL DADFORD VIEW £465 pcm Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front Garden, Off Road Parking, Unfurnished.	DUDLEY OLD BUFFERY GARDENS £595 pcm New Build, End Terraced Property, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Cloakroom, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front & Rear Gardens, Parking for 2 cars	PENSNETT CHURCH STREET £550 pcm Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Utility, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Off Road Parking	HALESOWEN ATTWOOD STREET £525 pcm Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazed, Gas Central Heating, Unfurnished, Rear Garden
TIVIDALE OAKTHORPE GARDENS £420 pcm Purpose built flat, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, Off Road Parking	PENSNETT BRYCE ROAD £525 pcm Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Unfurnished, Gas Central Heating, Off Road Parking, Front & Rear Gardens	DUDLEY MARMION GROVE £525 pcm Semi Detached Property, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking, Unfurnished	DUDLEY STOURBRIDGE ROAD £495 pcm Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, Three Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Off Road Parking
ROWLEY REGIS TITFORD LANE £345 pcm Ground Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Allocated Parking, Unfurnished EPC-E	BRIERLEY HILL DADFORD VIEW £460 pcm Cluster Style Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Unfurnished, Gas Central Heating, Allocated Parking, Front & Side Garden, Available Early March	WOODSETTON FLAVELL STREET £525 pcm Terrace Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, WC, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Rear Garden, Off Road Parking EPC -D	DUDLEY MONCRIEFFE CLOSE £415 pcm Purpose Built Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom with Shower, Electric Heating, Private Parking, UNFURNISHED
GORNAL CENTRAL DRIVE £550 pcm Terrace Property, Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking, Unfurnished	TIPTON TIPPS STONE CLOSE £410 pcm First Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Electric Heating, Off Road Parking, Unfurnished	KINGSWINFORD OAK STREET £995 pcm Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Large Conservatory, TV Room, Office, Utility Area, Ground Floor Shower Room, Four Bedrooms, En Suite, Large Family Bathroom, Double Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Lawned Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking, Unfurnished	COSELEY SALCOMBE GROVE £545 pcm Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens
KINGSWINFORD MOSS GROVE £750 pcm Detached House, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Additional Reception/4th Bedroom, Three First Floor Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Parking for 2/3 cars, Front & Rear Gardens.	DUDLEY BOURNE STREET £375 pcm Modern Apartment, Lounge, Kitchen, Large Bedroom, Bathroom, Unfurnished, Allocated Parking	GREAT BRIDGE EAGLE PLACE £370 pcm Apartment, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Economy Seven Heating, Private Parking, Security Entrance Door	UPPER GORNAL STICKLEY LANE £445 pcm Ground Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished

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SEDGLEY



WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD

A seven-bedroom home of considerable style and character that briefly comprises a porch, a reception hall, a sitting room, a drawing room, a panelled dining room, a dining kitchen, a utility room, a garden room, a study, a cloakroom, three en-suite bedrooms, four further bedrooms, a bathroom, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating E

£399,950

SEDGLEY



NORTHWAY

A five-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a fabulous lounge, a conservatory, a fitted kitchen, a master bedroom en-suite, four further bedrooms, a family bathroom, a utility room, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden overlooking local farmland. EPC rating E

£289,950

BROADLANDS



DUDMASTON WAY

A four-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a dining room, a conservatory, a fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a downstairs w/c, a master bedroom en-suite, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating D

£234,950

LOWER GORNAL



FIELDSTONE VIEW

A four-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge, a dining room, a superb fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a master bedroom en-suite, three further good sized bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating D

£219,950

SEDGLEY



WOMBOURNE CLOSE

A four-bedroom link detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a dining room, a superb fitted kitchen, a master bedroom en-suite, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a carport, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating tba

£214,950

SEDGLEY



EVERSLEY GROVE

A five-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a magnificent open plan dining kitchen, a separate sitting room, a playroom, a utility room, five bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating D

£181,950

LOWER GORNAL



THORNLEIGH

A three/four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a conservatory, a separate sitting room/bedroom four, a wet room, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a downstairs WC, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating D

£179,950

SEDGLEY



LIMES VIEW

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a breakfast kitchen, a downstairs w/c, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating D

£174,950



Clent View Old Buffery Gardens, Dudley

Clent View is a stunning development of brand new two and three-bedroom homes constructed by IP Developments, that are situated in a delightful cul-de-sac location adjacent to Buffery Park in Dudley.

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SEDGLEY



NETHERBY GREEN

A three-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge, a conservatory, a superb fitted kitchen with a comprehensive range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway for two cars and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating C

£164,950

SEDGLEY



WOODBANK ROAD

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a conservatory, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a downstairs w/c, a master bedroom en suite, two further bedrooms, a shower room, double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a rear garden. EPC Rating E

£164,950

LOWER GORNAL



CHAUCER AVENUE

A three-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a dining room, a brand new fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a brand new bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden. EPC rating E

£159,950

LOWER GORNAL



DEEPPDALE LANE

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, an elegant reception hall, a through lounge, a dining room, a kitchen, a side verandah, a cellar, three good sized bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden. EPC rating E

£159,950

SEDGLEY



CLAREMONT ROAD

A three-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, a spacious breakfast kitchen, a dining room, a utility room, a downstairs w/c, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a storage room and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating E

£156,950

FAIRVIEW PARK



MANDERSTON CLOSE

A three-bedroom mews style house that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, an open plan kitchen / dining room, a conservatory, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a delightful rear garden. EPC Rating C

£156,950

THE HEDGEROWS



GOODRICH MEWS

A three-bedroom mid terraced home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge, a superb fitted dining kitchen, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, allocated parking for two cars and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating B

£126,950

COSELEY



HOSPITAL LANE

NO CHAIN. A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, double glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a delightful rear garden that incorporate a workshop. EPC rating E

£126,950

LOWER GORNAL



SHADWELL DRIVE

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a superb dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three double bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating D

£119,950

UPPER GORNAL



GIDEONS CLOSE

A two-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining kitchen, two bedrooms, a bathroom, double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a rear garden. EPC rating C

£104,950

SWINSCOE'S

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GORNAL WOOD

HIMLEY ROAD

- A FIVE bedroom detached
- Modernised, extended and enhanced
- Beautiful gardens with sunny aspect
- An outdoor SWIMMING POOL
- Open plan Country style Kitchen
- Dining Room, Conservatory
- Utility room and Office/Study
- Parking for up to 4 cars
- Viewing highly recommended
- EPC Rating - D

Offers in the region of £259,950

SWINDON

SWINFORGE WAY

- Four bed detached
- Quiet village location
- Delightful canal side setting
- Lounge • Dining room
- Breakfast kitchen
- Garage
- Parking for 3 cars
- PART EX CONSIDERED
- Epc Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £249,500

SEDGLEY

ETTymore ROAD

- A most impressive detached residence,
- In walking distance to Sedgley Village
- Spacious accommodation
- Two reception rooms
- Breakfast kitchen
- Four double bedrooms
- No Upward Chain
- Viewing essential
- Epc Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £235,000

MILKING BANK

OSBERTON DRIVE

- A detached property extended to provide 4/5 bedrooms
- Two reception rooms • Breakfast kitchen
- Utility • Guest cloakroom
- Ensuite to master bedroom
- Upvc double glazing to rear aspect.
- Gas central heating
- Delightful landscaped rear gardens
- Epc Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £229,950

LOWER GORNAL

RUSKIN AVENUE

- A Spacious Detached Bungalow
- Positioned on a substantial plot
- Extended to the side
- Lounge & Dining Room/Sitting Room
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom & Separate w.c.
- Garage & Rear Garden
- Off Road parking to the front
- EPC Rating - TBC

Offers in the region on £215,000

SEDGEMOOR PARK

STONEDOWN CLOSE

- Spacious 4 bed detached
- Extended and enhanced throughout
- Lounge, dining room, study
- Breakfast kitchen with integrated appliances
- Four good sized bedrooms
- Ensuite to master bedroom
- Block paved driveway
- Garage
- Epc Rating - D

OFFERS ION THE REGION OF £189,950

COSELEY

UPPER ETTINGSHALL ROAD

- A modern style 3 bed detached
- Two reception rooms, conservatory
- Contemporary kitchen
- Guest wc
- Secure gated frontage with parking for 2/3 cars
- Garage
- Viewing recommended
- Epc band C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £169,995

SEDGLEY

BATH STREET

- A detached property full of character
- Offers spacious accommodation
- Lounge • 20ft dining kitchen
- Conservatory
- Three double bedrooms
- Large Fourth bedroom/ office over garage with own separate entrance
- Most attractive rear gardens

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £167,950

UPPER GORNAL

RIPLEY GROVE

- Modern three bed and townhouse
- Positioned on an exclusive small development.
- Built 5 years ago , NHBC warranty
- Lounge, open plan dining kitchen
- Downstairs cloakroom
- En-suite to master bedroom
- Driveway parking
- Epc Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £161,000

BRAMFORD, COSELEY

BEECHFIELD GROVE

- A beautifully presented semi-detached
- Positioned on a corner plot
- Open design lounge/dining room
- Modern kitchen, utility, guest wc
- Study, reception 3 (garage converted)
- Upvc double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Extensive parking
- Epc rating - c

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £160,000

SEDGLEY

DUDLEY ROAD

- Beautifully presented throughout
- Traditional three bed semi
- Two reception rooms
- Conservatory
- Modern kitchen
- Office space/3rd reception
- Excellent sized rear garden
- Block paved driveway-for 3/4 cars.
- Epc Band D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £159,950

LOWER GORNAL

WINSARCROFT

- Modern style semi-detached
- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- Contemporary fitted kitchen
- Lounge and conservatory
- Three bedrooms, ensuite to master
- Garage
- Off road parking
- Epc Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £156,950

LOWER GORNAL

HARCOURT DRIVE

- A deceptively spacious extended semi-detached
- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- 4/5 bed, master bedroom originally 2 rooms - easy conversion back
- Open plan lounge and dining room
- Kitchen, utility • Conservatory
- Tandem garage
- Block paved driveway
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £155,000

WEST BROMWICH

YORK CRESCENT

- A Modern style semi-detached property
- Immaculately presented accommodation
- Kitchen with integrated appliances
- Guest cloakroom • Lounge
- Three bedrooms • En-suite to Master
- Family bathroom with 'white' suite
- Upvc double glazing & gas central heating
- Garage & driveway parking
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- EPC Rating - C

Offers in the region of £154,950

DUDLEY

THE BROADWAY

- An extended traditional style three bed semi
- Downstairs playroom/Bed four
- Open plan Lounge/dining room
- Enlarged modern kitchen
- Utility area, downstairs wc
- Generous sized rear garden
- Garage
- EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £154,950

GORNAL WOOD

CINDER ROAD

- A fabulous traditional semi-detached
- Having been enhanced and extended
- Large 25' through lounge
- Dining room conversion
- Extended Kitchen • Conservatory
- Three bedrooms • family bathroom
- Beautiful excellent size rear garden
- An ideal family home.
- EPC Rating - D

Offers in the region of £149,950

HURST HILL, COSELEY

PAUL STREET

- A traditional style semi detached
- Extended and enhanced
- Conservatory & extended kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- 4th bedroom/Office (Garage conversion)
- Landscaped rear garden with decking
- Ideal family home
- EPC Rating - C

Offers in the region of £147,500

HURST HILL

CLIFTON STREET

- A good size detached Bungalow
- Positioned on a large plot
- Some updating required
- Open plan dining kitchen
- Good size lounge
- Two bedrooms & bathroom
- Low maintenance rear garden
- Double garage and driveway
- EPC Rating - D

Offers in the region of £147,500

DUDLEY

BIRMINGHAM NEW ROAD

- Spacious three bed traditional semi
- Enhanced throughout , contemporary theme
- Open plan kitchen/dining room
- Lounge • Conservatory
- Upvc double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Driveway parking
- Epc Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £137,950

COSELEY

LEGGIE LANE

- Spacious double fronted detached bungalow
- Refurbished to a high standard
- Open plan lounge/dining room
- Modern kitchen, conservatory
- Upvc double glazed windows
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking • Garage at rear
- Epc Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £137, 950

WOODSETTON, DUDLEY

PARKES HALL ROAD

- A beautifully presented semi-detached
- Having been enhanced to high standard
- Open plan, contemporary dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Upvc double glazing & central heating
- Off road parking for several vehicles
- Well maintained rear garden
- AN IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY
- EPC Rating - D

Offers in the region of £131,500

HURST HILL, COSELEY

CLIFTON STREET

- An impressive end terraced property enhanced throughout yet retaining some original features
- Spacious dining room with open fire
- Lounge with feature wood burner
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Delightful rear garden
- Viewing highly recommended
- EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £119,950

WOLVERHAMPTON

DURBERVILLE ROAD

- ideal property for a 1ST time buyer
- Well presented traditional style semi
- Lounge to the front.
- Rear sitting room with open plan dining area
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Most delightful rear gardens
- Off road parking
- Epc Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £115,000

COSELEY

PAINTERS CROFT

- Modern style three bedroom semi
- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- Two reception rooms
- Upvc double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Pleasant landscaped rear garden
- Driveway parking
- Epc Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £114,750

DUDLEY

DENBEIGH CLOSE

- Stylish & Modern semi-detached
- Generous sized lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Two good size bedrooms
- En-suite off master bedroom
- Upvc double glazed throughout.
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking
- Epc Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £112,500

WOODCROSS, COSELEY

CLARE CRESCENT

- Well maintained three bed semi
- Open plan lounge/dining room
- Kitchen, side lobby/store room
- Upvc double glazing & central heating
- Off road parking
- Pleasant rear garden
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Epc Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £109,950

UPPER GORNAL

ROCK STREET

- Modernised mid terrace property
- Two reception rooms
- Extended breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Modern upstairs shower room
- Gas Central heating
- Upvc double glazing (majority)
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Epc Rating - D

Offers in the region of £102,000

SEDGLEY

THE WYND

- REDUCED BY £10,000
- A traditional style 4 bedroom mid terrace
- Walking distance to Sedgley Centre
- Recently decorated throughout.
- Gas central heating • Double glazing
- Off road parking
- Private rear garden
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Epc Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £99,950

DUDLEY

LIMES ROAD

- A modern semi-detached property
- Conveniently situated for Dudley Town Centre
- Kitchen & good size lounge
- Two bedrooms & bathroom
- Off road parking for 4 cars
- Low maintenance rear garden
- Ideal first time buy
- Epc Rating - D

Offers in the region on £99,950

COSELEY

HARDING STREET

- A deceptively spacious mid terrace property
- Close to Coseley Train Station
- Full length Lounge & Dining Kitchen
- Three good size bedrooms
- Rear Garden & potential for a driveway
- Open aspect views to the rear
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Epc Rating - D

Offers in the region on £89,950

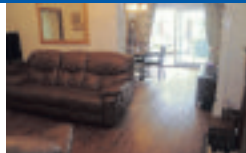


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GORNAL WOOD



HIMLEY ROAD

•EPC D•A Deceptive Extended Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow•En-Suite Bathroom To Main Bedroom•Lounge & Extended Dining Room•Extended Fitted Kitchen•Conservatory•Attic Room•Garage•Utility Room•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating

£189,950

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

TIVIDALE



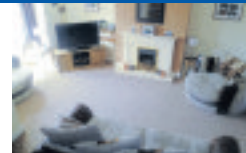
OAKHAM ROAD

•EPC D•An Extended Detached•Three Bedrooms•Extended Breakfast Kitchen•Utility Room•Garage•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Rear Garden•Drive•No Chain

£169,950

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

DUDLEY



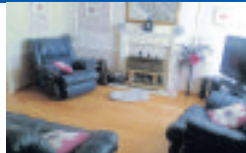
NEW ROWLEY ROAD

•EPC RATING D•A Modern Three Bedroom Semi Detached Property•Lounge•Dining Room•Fitted Kitchen•Ground Floor Cloakroom•Block Paved Drive•Garage•

£145,000

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

TIPTON



HAINES CLOSE

•EPC D•Three Bedroom Semi Detached Property•Lounge•Dining Room•Fitted Kitchen•Conservatory•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Ground Floor Cloakroom•Detached Garage

£142,995

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

DUDLEY



NEW ROWLEY ROAD

•EPC AWAITED•An Improved Semi Detached•Three Bedrooms•Two Reception Rooms•Fitted Kitchen•Utility Room•Ground Floor Cloakroom•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating

£140,000

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

TIVIDALE



DUDLEY ROAD WEST

•EPC E•Three Bedroom Semi Detached Property•Two Reception Rooms•Kitchen•Bathroom•Drive•Garage•Gas Central Heating System•Rear Garden

£120,000

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

TIVIDALE



WESTON AVENUE

•EPC RATING D•Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Lounge•Kitchen Diner•First Floor Bathroom•Ground Floor Shower Room•Utility Area•Garage•Drive

£120,000

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

TIVIDALE



FAIRWAY AVENUE

•EPC D•Three Bedroom Improved Semi Detached•Lounge•Refitted Dining Kitchen & Bathroom•Parking To The Rear For Several Vehicles•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Fitted Burglar Alarm(Not Tested)•No Chain

£119,950

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

DUDLEY



MARIGOLD CRESCENT

•EPC RATINGS AWAITED•An Improved Semi Detached•Three Bedrooms•Lounge•Kitchen•Ground Floor Cloakroom•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Driveway Parking•No

£89,950

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

ROWLEY REGIS



FALLOW FIELD ROAD

•EPC RATING C•An Improved Three Bedroom Semi Detached Two Reception Rooms Gas Central Heating System Double Glazed Where Stated Bathroom Cloakroom Front and Rear Garden Double Garage Corner Plot Location No Upward Chain

£114,950

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

NOTICE OF OFFER



5 LILAC ROAD, DUDLEY, DY1 4ES

•EPC Rating D•We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of £67,500. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes

£69,950

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

NOTICE OF OFFER



38 BRETTLE STREET, DUDLEY, DY2 8XH

•EPC RATING G•We advise that an offer has been made for the above property in the sum of £53,000. Any persons wishing to increase on this offer should notify the agents of their best offer prior to exchange of contracts 215 High Street, Dudley, DY1 1PB 01384

£54,950

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

UPPER GORNAL



EVE LANE

•An Extended Three Bedroom Semi Detached •Front & Extended Rear Lounge •Extended Kitchen •Double Glazing Where Stated •Gas Central Heating System •Entrance Porch •Rear Garden •No Upward Chain

£90,000

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

TIPTON



GROVELAND ROAD

•50% Shared Ownership•First Floor Flat•Two Bedrooms•Lounge/Dining Room•Fitted Kitchen•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•Parking•Canal Views

£42,950

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

TIVIDALE



PACKWOOD ROAD

EPC Ratings Awaited•A Greatly Improved & Extended Semi Detached Property•Five Bedrooms•Extended Lounge Former Garage•Extra Lounge•Kitchen & Conservatory•Drive•En-Suite•Bathroom•Ground Floor Cloakroom

£199,950

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

Dudley



Briar Court

•First Floor Modern Apartment •Parking to the Rear •Fitted Kitchen •Lounge •Bathroom •EPC Rating D •Viewing Highly Recommended

395pcm

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

Dudley



Colsyll Gardens

•Two Bedroom •Modern Mid Terrace •Lounge •Fitted Kitchen •Cloakroom •Bathroom •Allocated Parking •Cul-De-Sac Location •EPC Rating C

475PCM

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

Pear Tree Avenue



•Family Home •Three Large Bedrooms •Family Bathroom •Modern Fitted Kitchen/Diner •Large Back Garden •Driveway to the Front •Cul-De-Sac Location •Pets Considered •EPC Rating C

525pcm

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

Dudley



Magdalen Close

•Three Bedroom •Semi Detached •Amazing Views •Driveway and Garage •Cul-De-Sac Location •Extended Kitchen

530pcm

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

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NEW INSTRUCTION

A three bedroom detached house with lounge, kitchen, dining area, downstairs wc, en-suite to master bedroom, driveway, garage and gardens to the front and rear

£169,950

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A three bedroom semi detached house situated on a generous corner plot with hallway, lounge, fitted kitchen with dining area, downstairs bathroom, upstairs wc, driveway to the rear and gardens to the front and rear

£109,950

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**Dudley
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A two bedroom traditional mid terraced house with lounge, dining room, kitchen, upstairs bathroom, two double bedrooms (one bedroom currently split into two rooms) and garden to the rear

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**Gornal
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A three/four bedroom mid terraced house with lounge/ dining room, second reception room/ 4th bedroom, downstairs wc, driveway and garden to the rear with jacuzzi included

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**Dudley
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A beautifully presented and deceptively spacious 3/4 bedroom bungalow. Briefly comprising of lounge, dining room, third reception room/bedroom, fourth reception room/bedroom, kitchen, breakfast room, work shop and a family bathroom. To the rear there is a tiered mature enchanting garden and to the front of the property there is ample off road parking.

£229,950

**Tividale
DARBYS HILL ROAD**



NEW PRICE

A three bedroom detached house with hallway, lounge, dining room, further reception area, fitted kitchen, downstairs wc, gardens to the front and rear and driveway

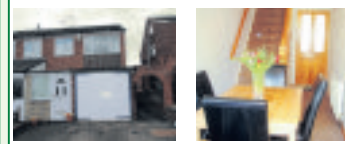
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NEW INSTRUCTION

A 2 bed mid terrace house, having a lounge, fitted kitchen/diner, 1 double room and 1 single, house bathroom, garden to rear, unfurnished, available now. No DSS. No pets.

£450 PCM

**Dudley
QUEENS HALL**



NEW INSTRUCTION

A modern 2nd floor apartment within walking distance to Dudley town centre. Property has fitted kitchen, lounge and two bedrooms - master bedroom with en-suite. Unfurnished, available to view now. No DSS. No pets.

£525 PCM

**Dudley
ERNEST ROAD**



NEW INSTRUCTION

Three bedroom semi detached house. lounge, fitted kitchen, downstairs wc. House bathroom with mixer shower. Central heating. Front and rear gardens. Available now. DSS considered with guarantor.

£525 PCM

**Dudley
RUITON STREET**



TO LET

A modern two bed second floor apartment in the popular Lower Gornal area, with secure off road parking. Lounge with dining area, fitted kitchen off, en-suite bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Two good sized bedrooms. Unfurnished, no DSS, no pets.

£550 PCM

**Dudley
GLEN ROAD**



TO LET

Three bedroom end terrace having lounge with gas fire. Fitted kitchen includes range cooker. House bathroom upstairs and downstairs w/c. Unfurnished. Dss considered with guarantor & good references. Small pets considered with larger deposit.

£550 PCM

**Netherton
HALESOWEN ROAD**




NEW INSTRUCTION

A 3 bed end terraced property with three good sized bedrooms, having a lounge, dining room, breakfast kitchen and bath/shower/WC upstairs. Double glazing and central heating. Benefits applicants considered with guarantor and deposit.

£595 PCM

**Tividale
WAKEMAN DRIVE**



NEW INSTRUCTION

A semi detached house having lounge and kitchen/diner with integrated appliances, good sized garden to rear and garage. Downstairs w/c. Viewing recommended, available now to view. Unfurnished. No DSS.

£625 PCM

**Dudley
GROSVENOR ROAD**



TO LET

A three bedroomed bungalow with garage to rear, good sized lounge, separate dining room/bedroom 3, fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Gardens to front and rear. Unfurnished, available to view now.

£595PCM

**Cradley Heath
MACARTHUR GARDENS**



NEW INSTRUCTION

A brand new, luxurious two bed loft apartment with secure entry and off road parking. Lounge/diner with open plan fitted kitchen, master bed with a large en-suite shower/WC off. House bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Available now. No DSS, no pets.

£650 PCM

**Brierley Hill
MADISON AVENUE**



NEW INSTRUCTION

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Price: £364,950

Wall Heath

Albion Street



An INCREDIBLY HIGH SPECIFICATION & INDIVIDUAL DETACHED FAMILY HOME within a sought after location, close to good schooling and village shops, constructed in 2010 for the current owners, providing IMMACULATE and EXPENSIVELY APPOINTED accommodation upon three floors, comprising: Canopy Porch, Through Reception Hall, Guests Cloaks/WC, large Lounge with walk-in bay and multi-fuel burner, through to full width luxury fitted Kitchen with appliances and Dining Room area off, FOUR SUPERB BEDROOMS, three having bespoke EN-SUITE SHOWER/BATHROOM (potential to create a five bedroom layout) and lavish House Bathroom. Under-floor heating to ground floor plus gas central heating, solar water heating system and UPVC double glazing. DRIVEWAY, GARAGE with UTILITY AREA and a GENEROUS, BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN with substantial log Garden Room/Office. EPC Rating B. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£349,950

SEDGLEY

An absolutely outstanding, exceptionally well appointed, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed, EXTENDED, detached residence in exemplary order throughout in favoured district with panoramic distant views from the front. Superb, stylish accommodation includes imposing reception hall, fitted cloakroom, elegant L-shape 19ft through lounge, brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, separate dining room, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of oak units & various integrated appliances, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with professionally installed range of units), reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, large garage, block paved double driveway, secluded landscaped rear garden. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

PRICE: £245,000

SEDGLEY

Sunningdale Road, Northway

ENVIABLY SITUATED with magnificent PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS in favoured cul de sac location, a meticulously maintained, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed, three (potentially four) bedroom detached family home. Accommodation includes traditional reception hall, reappointed fitted cloakroom, transverse 19'1" lounge with patio doors, dining room, kitchen with a wide range of units & various integrated appliances, gallery landing, transverse 19ft principal bedroom (with potential for subdivision), two further generous bedrooms, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with contemporary white style suite, substantial garage, extensive block paved driveway/parking to front, delightful landscaped expertly tended rear garden abutting onto fields. EPC: TBA. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

PRICE: £239,950

SEDGLEY

A quite exceptional, absolutely outstanding, ENLARGED, gas centrally & uPVC double glazed detached that has been 'transformed' by present vendor to an exemplary specification in recent years. First quality accommodation includes imposing reception hall, fitted cloakroom, magnificent 23'4" through living/dining room, extended refitted kitchen with a fine range of units & many integrated appliances, separate utility room, three generous bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with contemporary style white suite/shower, large garage, block paved drive/parking area, expertly tended garden. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £221,950

Caswell Road**WALL HEATH**

Victoria Street

A LARGE DOUBLE-FRONTED SEMI-DETACHED TRADITIONAL BUNGALOW within a sought after and convenient location, having been recently BEAUTIFULLY REFURBISHED and COMPLETELY RE-APPOINTED throughout, providing ready to move into accommodation which includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, REPLACEMENT UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Recessed Porch, Through Reception Hall, generous Lounge with walk-in bay, large refitted Dining Kitchen with built-in appliances, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS and LUXURY REFITTED BATHROOM. The property is set beyond the attractive front garden with DRIVEWAY and, to the rear, enjoying a LARGE SUNNY REAR GARDEN with decking, patio and lawns. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£164,950

Kingswinford

Exceptionally well placed within this highly desirable address, situated just off Cot Lane and well placed for the area's highly regarded local schooling, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED, TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS and WELL PRESENTED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: Reception Hall, extended Lounge, separate formal Dining Room, extended & attractively refitted Dining Kitchen, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and refitted classic white Bathroom. With chipped frontage / BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and enjoying an EXCELLENT SIZED REAR GARDEN with large decked patio and extensive lawn. EPC Rating - D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£214,950

Kingsley Road**GORNAL WOOD**

Windsor Close

NO UPWARD CHAIN. Conveniently situated in short cul-de-sac just off Guys Lane, an EXTENDED, Freehold, gas centrally heated, & uPVC double glazed Link detached that has been conscientiously maintained & enhanced over the years, but offering further potential. Accommodation includes: entrance vestibule, inner hallway, cottage style lounge, extended 17'9" dining room with patio doors, tiled kitchen. Three bedrooms (two with fitted wardrobes, and third with extensive bookshelves), reappointed/re-tiled shower room. Lengthy 21'9" garage (with automated door) incorporating storage section, tiled utility room, and separate toilet beyond. Neat garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £161,950

TIPTON

Benbeck Grove (Off Sedgley Road)

A realistically priced, Freehold, gas centrally heated & Upvc double glazed detached with potential requiring some sympathetic updating set in short/quiet cul-de-sac just off Sedgley Road. The accommodation provides: entrance hallway, through living room (with patio doors), dining room, kitchen, store, garden room. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Garage, and additional 7'3" width access to the garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £154,950

WOLVERHAMPTON

Cranbourne Avenue, Ettingshall Park

A VERY SPACIOUS, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached of above average size that has been conscientiously maintained over the years but now requires some sympathetic updating. The accommodation includes: enlarged entrance porch, reception hall, store, 25'8 max. through living/dining room (previously separate rooms), enlarged kitchen, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, bathroom, separate w.c. Garage, good sized secluded rear garden. EPC: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £150,000

BRIERLEY HILL

Leys Road

Occupying a generous plot with an envious Canalside location, this immaculately presented, substantially extended, uPVC Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, Three Bedroom Semi-Detached family home has been considerably improved by the current owners, and simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The impressive property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, stylish Open Plan Lounge/ Dining Area, splendid Kitchen with a fine range of units, Guest WC, Utility, Three Excellent Bedrooms (one En-Suite), Jack & Jill Bathroom, Garage, Driveway providing ample Parking and a lovely Canalside Rear Garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£139,950

WOODSETTON

Sedgley Road

This traditional style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, extended, three bedroom semi detached home occupies a corner plot, and is well worthy of an internal inspection. The much improved property briefly comprises: entrance hall, spacious through lounge/dining room, extended kitchen with a fine range of units, utility, splendid conservatory addition. Three good sized bedrooms, bathroom with white suite. Pleasant rear garden with secure parking for 4 cars beyond. EPC Rating T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £139,950

QUARRY BANK

High Street

This modern style, three storey, double glazed and gas centrally heated, three bedroomed and townhouse is 'tucked away' just off the High Street, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The surprisingly spacious accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, transverse lounge, kitchen with a fine range of units / integrated appliances, guest w.c., two first floor bedrooms, family bathroom, second floor third bedroom with en-suite, allocated parking space, and a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating C. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£129,500

DUDLEY WOOD

Dalvine Road

Having undergone a comprehensive scheme of modernisation and improvement, this traditional style, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated, Three Bedroom Mid Townhouse is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN and is well worthy of an internal inspection. The impressive property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, splendid refitted Dining Kitchen with a fine range of units, Utility, Three good Bedrooms, refitted Bathroom with white suite, driveway and a lengthy rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£124,950

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Enjoying a broad frontage this MOST APPEALING AND WELL ARRANGED, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM, SEMI DETACHED HOME affords a splendid layout with both GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND DOUBLE GLAZING to briefly comprises: porch, reception hall, sitting room, large separate dining room, kitchen, side hall with guests cloakroom off, two good double bedrooms, shower room and separate w.c. Broad fore gardens, drive approach to detached single garage and with an enclosed rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£119,950**DUDLEY WOOD****Dalvine Road**

This well presented, traditional style, majority uPVC Double Glazed, gas centrally heated, Two Bedroom Semi Detached Home is situated in an established residential location, and is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Extended / Re-fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with white suite, Driveway and a good size Rear Garden. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£114,950**PENSNETT****Queen Street**

Occupying a generous plot, this traditional style, part uPVC Double Glazed, Two Bedroom Semi-Detached Home would now ideally benefit from sympathetic updating / improvement, yet offers EXCELLENT POTENTIAL. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Guest WC, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, Driveway, and Rear Garden. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£74,950**SEDGLEY****Dingle View****NEW PRICE**

ENVIABLY SITUATED on periphery of countryside with MAGNIFICENT VIEWS at head of cul-de-sac. Exceptionally well maintained, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed accommodation provides: glazed entrance vestibule, traditional reception hall, lounge, 20 ft dining kitchen with further cupboards, bathroom, two generous bedrooms (one with wardrobes). To the first floor; landing, spacious principal bedroom with wardrobe recess, separate toilet, "walk through" linen store, and 17 ft boarded/plastered loft space (with window) offering tremendous potential. Large 24'8" x 11'11" garage, gardens to front, side & rear. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £249,950, NOW £243,500**DUDLEY****Priory Close**

An imposing, SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated (recent boiler) & uPVC double glazed detached family residence that has been significantly upgraded over the years retaining a number of period features set in favoured cul de sac just off The Broadway. Magnificent accommodation includes reception hall (8'7" ceiling height), cloaks cupboard, separate dining room, through 18'6" sitting room with bay & open fireplace, upgraded breakfast kitchen, pantry, outer lobby, utility room, separate w.c. FOUR BEDROOMS, separate toilet, recently reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with contemporary style white suite, garage, delightful gardens. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £265,000**DUDLEY****Abbotsford Drive**

A quite exceptional, highly individual & spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed family home at head of cul de sac within walking distance of Russell's Hall Hospital. Meticulously presented accommodation includes entrance vestibule, reception hall, magnificent transverse lounge, sitting room (alternate bedroom 3), shower room, refitted 'hub of the house' dining kitchen with a fine range of un-integrated appliances, garden room, utility room. To the first floor are two double bedrooms (both with extensive wardrobes) & bathroom with a 'Heritage' suite. MAGNIFICENT DISTANT VIEWS, lengthy 30'9" garage, secluded garden & further garden area with potential, extensive parking to front. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £239,950**COSELEY****Southall Crescent**

CONSTRUCTED IN 2008 (and covered by balance of NHBC), a particularly SPACIOUS, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated double fronted detached set at head of lengthy block paved private driveway & comprising canopy porch, imposing 17ft reception hall, cloaks, fitted cloakroom, through lounge with patio doors through to uPVC double glazed/brick CONSERVATORY, well equipped kitchen with fine range of units & a utility room. THREE GENEROUS DOUBLE BEDROOMS (two with fitted/built in wardrobes & principal bedroom with shower room en suite), bathroom, garage, extensive block paved parking, delightful gardens. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £230,000**LOWER GORNAL****Ash Grove**

An absolutely outstanding & particularly SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow excellently situated at head of quiet 'backwater' yet within walking distance of the village & all associated amenities. Significantly upgraded by present vendors in recent years, the superb, extremely flexible accommodation provides imposing 30ft, reception hall, 18ft lounge, well equipped breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & a range, principal bedroom with shower room en suite, two further bedrooms (one presently utilised as a sitting room), reappointed/re-tiled shower room (former bathroom). Former 'garage' converted to a utility/workroom. Block paved foregarden, delightful secluded/landscaped rear garden with fine range of shrubs/plants, patio & decking. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £228,950**SEDGLEY****Westcroft Road, Northway**

An attractive, gas centrally heated (recent boiler) & uPVC double glazed detached semi detached property are only rarely made available for sale. Enhanced accommodation includes entrance hallway, superb L-shape through living/dining room with oak strip floor & contemporary styled oak overmantel with a living flame gas fire, patio doors through to a brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, kitchen (prepared for a re-fit). Three generous bedrooms, bathroom, lengthy 28ft garage incorporating a laundry area, delightful well stocked rear garden, block paved foregarden. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £189,999**COSELEY****NEW PRICE****Flamborough Way**

An attractive, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, gas centrally heated double fronted detached family home in favoured cul de sac just off Chadrod Road within reasonable distance of bus/rail transport routes. Enhanced accommodation includes entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining room with patio doors, re-tiled kitchen, utility room, lobby, boiler room & a 'fifth bedroom'. Four bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite), reappointed & re-tiled bathroom, extensive parking, secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £194,50, NOW £189,950**DUDLEY****Fairview Road**

A quite exceptional, tremendously ENLARGED & EXTENDED, Edwardian semi detached of character occupying a fine corner plot with EXTENSIVE PARKING. The uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated (kombi boiler) accommodation includes: reception hall, 20' sitting room with bay, separate dining room, stunning 22' breakfast kitchen with a magnificent range of units & many integrated appliances, fitted cloakroom, 31' double glazed conservatory, FOUR BEDROOMS, tiled shower room (former bathroom). Many period features. Large garage, block paved parking, delightful sheltered garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £184,950**SEDGLEY****Longmeadow Drive, Northway**

RARE OPPORTUNITY! A freehold, gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed detached bungalow requiring some sympathetic updating in favoured district where bungalows are only rarely made available for sale. Accommodation provides reception hall, cloaks cupboard, two double bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, lounge, dining room, garden room, upgraded kitchen, carport, garage, gardens arranged for 'minimum' maintenance. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £184,950**DUDLEY****Cowley Drive, Milking Bank**

VENDORS ADVISE NO UPWARD CHAIN. This immaculately presented, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated detached family home has been significantly improved & updated by the present owners and is situated in a quiet cul de sac on the popular Milking Bank development. Internal inspection is strongly advised to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation which briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, stylish lounge, splendid refitted kitchen with a fine range of units & integrated appliances, dining room, four good bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, driveway, garage & lawned gardens. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £181,500**NETHERTON****MUCH IMPROVED****Dudley Wood Road**

An improved and well presented three bedroom detached with gardens extending to the side offering potential, subject to planning permission, having gas radiator heating and double glazing to the majority and comprising: Porch, welcoming hall, delightful lounge with feature fireplace and archway to dining room, breakfast kitchen, rear lobby with fitted cloakroom having w.c., three bedrooms, house bathroom, side garage and pleasant gardens. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£174,950**SEDGLEY****Wenlock Close, Brownswall Estate**

A tremendously EXTENDED, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached enviably situated in favoured cul de sac. Stylish accommodation has been 'transformed' since initial purchase & comprises reception hall, sitting room with bay, dining room, outstanding L-shape breakfast kitchen acting as 'hub of the house' with range. Three bedrooms (one with wardrobes), reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, garage, garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,950**NETHERTON****£2000 REDUCTION****Saltwells Road**

This beautifully presented, conscientiously maintained, uPVC Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, Three Bedroom extended Detached family home simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Sitting Room with Bay, enlarged Lounge / Dining Room, enlarged Gallery Kitchen with a fine range of units, Three Good Bedrooms, Bathroom with white suite, lengthy Tandem Garage with Laundry, Driveway, and a pleasant Rear Garden. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers in the Region Of £168,000**SEDGLEY****Richmond Road**

A delightful, significantly modernised & ENLARGED, gas centrally heated, semi detached enviably situated within walking distance of the Bull Ring, and all associated amenities. The property has been significantly upgraded and briefly comprises: imposing reception hall (8'4" ceiling height), sitting room with bay & feature 'Living Flame' gas fire, separate dining room with patio doors to garden, extended/refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units, and various integrated appliances, pantry. Three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with a white suite, and successful loft conversion fourth bedroom (building regulations secured) with sky lights. Parking, secluded/sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £165,500**WOODSETTON****Ratcliffe Close**

A meticulously maintained, freehold, gas radiator centrally heated & either uPVC or aluminium double glazed semi detached presented in exemplary order throughout in favoured cul de sac (where properties are only rarely made available for sale) in popular district. Accommodation includes reception hall, L-shape 24'8" through living/dining room (with patio doors), kitchen, three bedrooms (principal bedroom with an extensive range of fitted units), bathroom, lengthy drive, large garage (incorporating laundry section) & a separate toilet. Delightful, well tended, sheltered rear garden with summer house & shed. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £156,000**LOWER GORNAL****Deepdale Lane**

Deceptively spacious, ENLARGED, three bedroom semi detached with BASEMENT FLAT that has been, 'transformed' in recent years and the gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed accommodation comprises: Ground floor - entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room & enlarged/updated kitchen with 'conservatory section', large store/utility room (former garage). First floor - three bedrooms & a reappointed shower room (former bathroom). Staircase (approach from hall or the store room) down to a 'lower ground floor flat' comprising entrance section, bathroom, living/dining/bedroom areas with a kitchen section. Near rear garden, good distant views. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950**LOWER GORNAL****Tennyson Road, Straits**

An EXTENDED, gas centrally heated, (kombi boiler) and double glazed semi detached that has been conscientiously maintained over the years with various improvement works, but there is further potential. Excellently situated upon favoured development convenient for so many amenities, the accommodation includes: reception hall, dining room, extended lounge (with patio doors), refitted kitchen with integrated appliances, lobby, fitted cloaks/shower room, further utility room. Three bedrooms, bathroom with shower. Garage, good sized garden, block paved drive. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950**COSELEY****NEW PRICE****Elmdale Road, Bramford Estate**

A significantly EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached with 'granny/disabled' suite extension in popular/convenient district. Accommodation includes enlarged reception hall, pantry, lounge with bay, dining room, enlarged/refitted kitchen with many integrated appliances, three bedrooms, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite. Granny suite comprising through living/bedroom & w/c shower room en suite, slabbed drive, secluded, low maintenance rear garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £149,950, NOW £144,950**LOWER GORNAL****Bank Road**

Only recently constructed - a gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached by renowned local builder covered by architect's certification & situated within immediate distance of the village & all associated amenities. Accommodation provides reception hall, fitted cloakroom, well equipped kitchen with various integrated appliances, living/dining room (with double opening french doors to outside), understair cupboard, three bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite), bathroom, extensive parking, rear turfled & fenced gardens. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Grosvenor Road

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Offers in the region of £139,950

WOODSETTON



NEW PRICE

Parkes Hall Road

An absolutely outstanding, exceptionally stylish, Freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler), and uPVC double glazed semi detached that has been tremendously enhanced to a superb specification in recent years. The superb accommodation comprises: entrance porch, reception hall, living room with bay, transverse refitted dining kitchen with a fine range of 'Shaker - cream' styled units. Three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with a white contemporary look suite with chrome accessories/shower. Off road parking to front. PROFESSIONALLY LANDSCAPED garden, and GARAGE to rear. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £135,000, NOW Offers in the region of £131,950

UPPER GORNAL



The Paddock

A conscientiously maintained, comparatively spacious, Freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached with further potential set in short/quiet cul-de-sac with GOOD DISTANT VIEWS. Accommodation includes: entrance porch, traditional reception hall, cloak/store, through living/dining room with bay, kitchen, pantry. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Large contractors garage with store & laundry room off, garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £130,000

DUDLEY



Kestrel Road

Enjoying SUPERB VIEWS to Cleve Hills from this favoured Russell's Hall location, this ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED and SPACIOUS, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME is BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED and VERY WELL APPOINTED with UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, and CENTRAL HEATING to offer: Hall, ground floor Cloak/WC, attractive L-shaped Lounge, spacious and beautifully appointed Dining - Kitchen with appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and feature Wet Room/Shower. LARGE FRONTAGE including TARMAC DRIVE, GARAGE plus ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN with OPEN ASPECT. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£129,950

NETHERTON



LOVELY CONSERVATORY

Thistlegreen Road

A deceptively spacious two bedroom detached bungalow having gas radiator heating and double glazing, requiring internal inspection and comprising: Welcoming hall, delightful lounge with feature fireplace, opening to double glazed conservatory, fitted kitchen with built in oven and hob, two double bedrooms, bedroom one with en-suite shower room, re-fitted bathroom, off road parking and pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£129,950

NETHERTON



LOVELY REAR GARDEN

Quarry Road

Spacious three bedroomed semi detached property situated in this convenient location, having double glazing to the majority and offering potential, comprises: Entrance porch, hall, two good size reception rooms, kitchen, verandah / lean-to, cellar/ette / cloakstore, landing, three bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, side garage and lovely presented large rear garden. EPC Rating F. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£129,950

DUDLEY



NEW PRICE

Old Park Road

This beautifully presented, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated, EXTENDED semi detached home benefits from a covered SWIMMING POOL and viewing is essential to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The conscientiously maintained property briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge, splendid dining kitchen in addition, utility, guest w.c., three good bedrooms, bathroom with separate shower cubicle, large workshop, driveway, covered swimming pool & a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £134,950, NOW £127,950

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BRAND NEW HOUSE - STAMP DUTY PAID

NOW FINISHED AND READY TO MOVE INTO - A BRAND NEW, INDIVIDUALLY ARCHITECT DESIGNED DETACHED HOUSE, includes carpets/ floor coverings and enjoys a superb corner spot, within a popular & convenient location, offering a HIGH SPECIFICATION layout of SPACIOUS accommodation, comprising: Reception Hall, Ground Floor WC, Large Lounge, Luxury Dining Kitchen with appliances, TWO GOOD BEDROOMS and luxury Bathroom. GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING plus HIGH SPEC. INSULATION, TWO CAR DRIVE/ PARKING, Side & Rear Gardens. PEA Rating C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£127,750

Manor Road



DUDLEY



Old Park Road

An attractive, considerably improved double glazed (vast majority of units being uPVC) & gas centrally heated semi detached situated in an established location & well worthy of internal inspection. The well maintained property comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units, three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, driveway & rear garden with large timber outbuilding. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £122,950

LOWER GORNAL



New development at Ellowes Road

FIRST RELEASE! Two stylish, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached houses (covered by architect's certificate) nearing completion in popular established neighbourhood within walking distance of so many amenities. Finished to a fine specification, the accommodation provides traditional reception hall, fitted cloakroom with white suite, well equipped with integrated oven, hob, extractor, fridge/freezer, lounge, two double bedrooms, bathroom with white suite & shower, ample parking to front & tarmac/enclosed rear garden. EPC: TBA. Further details, plans, etc. with Sedgley Office 01902 880888

PRICE £120,000 PER PLOT

DUDLEY



Oak Green, Old Park Farm estate

Benefiting from NO UPWARD CHAIN, an absolutely outstanding, comprehensively modernised and refurbished (B.M.A.R.2012), gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed Three Bedroom Semi-Detached House with good sized, newly re-landscaped South facing rear garden and potential off road parking for several cars. Located in an established and convenient district, the property has been professionally and comprehensively renovated in recent months, with works including the installation of uPVC double glazed casements, replacement central heating system and combi boiler, updated wiring circuits and fittings, a re-appointed bathroom with stylish white suite and a refitted kitchen with a fine range of units and appliances. In addition, the property boasts a spacious entrance hall two large reception rooms and three generous bedrooms, two of which have good sized built-in wardrobes / storage space. Having been fully re-plastered and redecorated, with modern light fittings and new carpets throughout, a personal inspection is vital for total appreciation. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950

COSELEY



Catherine Road, Hurst Hill

TREMELOUS POTENTIAL. Enviously situated upon fine CORNER PLOT a Freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached providing reception hall, kitchen, living/dining room. Three bedrooms, bathroom. SEPARATE GARAGE. Delightful secluded garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £117,750

LOWER GORNAL



Central Drive

Stylish, tremendously enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached comprising reception hall, lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, off road parking (kerb dropped) & lengthy SECLUDED REAR GARDEN with lawns & decking. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £115,000

PENSNETT



NO UPWARD CHAIN

Derwent Close

THIS SPACIOUS WELL PLANNED MODERN SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE enjoys a favoured location within this popular development and, with scope for improvement, offers: Hall with violet off, SPLENDID LARGE LOUNGE with archway to SEPARATE DINING ROOM off, REFITTED FEATURE KITCHEN with integrated appliances, Three good bedrooms, re-planned SHOWER ROOM and UPDATED GAS CENTRAL HEATING. Forelawn, LONG 50 DRIVE to GARAGE and SECLUDED, SUNNY GARDEN. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD 01384 401777

£114,950

NETHERTON



VIEWING ADVISED

Chichester Avenue

An attractively improved three bedroom home with double width drive, gas radiator heating and double glazing, requiring internal inspection having pleasant rear aspect comprising: Vestibule area, attractively fitted good size kitchen with integral oven, hob, fridge and freezer, arch to dining room area, lovely rear lounge with feature fireplace, three bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, rear garden with garden play house. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£113,995

DUDLEY



Pebworth Grove

This well presented, modern style, uPVC double glazed, semi detached home is situated in a popular residential location and may represent an ideal first time buy. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, garage, driveway & a low maintenance garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £95,000

NETHERTON



RATHER DECEPTIVE

Stoney Lane

A spacious three bedroom semi detached having gas radiator heating and double glazing, requiring internal inspection and comprising: Reception hall, spacious lounge with patio doors to lean-to, re-fitted kitchen, utility, three good size bedrooms, house bathroom and separate w.c. and mature rear garden. EPC Rating C. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£94,950

NETHERTON



IDEAL FIRST BUY

Round Street

This neatly presented, double glazed, gas centrally heated, two bedroom SEMI DETACHED home may be of particular interest to FIRST TIME BUYERS, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, TWO BEDROOMS, Bathroom, Driveway and Rear Garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£92,950

COSELEY



Ettingshall Road

This traditional style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home which is "tucked away" just off Ettingshall Road, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining kitchen. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Front & rear gardens. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £90,000

UPPER GORNAL



Stoneline Place

A comparatively SPACIOUS, double glazed, GAS CENTRALLY HEATED, Top floor apartment with tremendous distant views conveniently situated within walking distance of so many amenities. "Entry phone" style access system with accommodation including: reception hall, store, two double bedrooms, lounge with bay, 15 ft breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances. Communal grounds, allocated parking. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £84,950

WOMBOURNE



£2,550 REDUCTION

Planks Lane

This HUGE TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT is exceptionally well placed just a short distance from heart of Wombourne Village with its excellent selection of amenities and offers a MOST GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED LAYOUT of accommodation, enhanced by a LARGE SECLUDED REAR GARDEN, GARAGE and comprising: ground floor lobby, first floor landing, very large lounge, kitchen (in need of updating), TWO EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS, classic white bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and PART UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Offers in the Region Of £84,950

COSELEY



Strathern Drive, Hurst Hill

An EXCEPTIONAL, particularly stylish, uPVC double glazed first floor flat that has been 'transformed' by present vendor over past two years set at head of cul de sac with tremendous distant views. Offered with no upward chain, the accommodation provides individual hall/staircase approach to the landing, lounge, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, integrated oven, hob & extractor; double bedroom with built in double wardrobe & a further over-stair cupboard, reappointed bathroom with contemporary white suite (with chrome detailing) & a shower. Shared grounds, allocated parking. EPC Rating: F. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £69,950

NETHERTON



£2000 REDUCTION

Bowling Green Road

This uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated FIRST FLOOR FLAT, is well presented throughout and may be of particular interest to FIRST TIME BUYERS. The property briefly comprises: open plan Lounge / Kitchen, Double Bedroom, Bathroom with white suite and off road Parking. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£62,950

NETHERTON



OPTION TO BUY FULL SHARE

Racemeadow Crescent

An attractive modern two bedroomed starter home with gas radiator heating and double glazing, requiring internal inspection and comprising: Entrance vestibule, spacious lounge with dining area having feature fireplace, rear hall with fitted cloakroom off having wc, fitted kitchen with built in oven and hob, two double bedrooms, bedroom 1 with an en-suite shower room, bedroom 2 with an en-suite bathroom, parking to the rear and pleasant garden. 50% ownership available for £62,500 or 100% share available for £124,950 EPC Rating C. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£62,500

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- Four bed detached house
- GCH & DG
- Downstairs WC
- Separate dining room

Oldbury Shelsley Avenue

- Fitted kitchen
- Master bedroom en-suite with shower
- Garage & ORP
- Energy Rating - C

£650pcm



- Modern style town house
- CH & DG
- Two/Three bedrooms
- GCH & DG
- Re-fitted kitchen & bathroom
- Ground floor WC
- Off road parking & integral garage
- Viewing via Wednesfield office
- Energy Rating - C

Bilston Bow Street

£525pcm

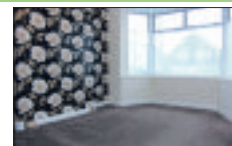


- Three bed semi property
- Situated in a popular residential area conveniently
- Recently been improved

Brierley Hill Swan Street

- Central heating (with combination boiler)
- Downstairs WC
- Energy Rating - D
- Sedgley office

£500pcm



- Two bed mid terraced house
- Fully refurbished including new kitchen and bathroom.
- Newly decorated throughout.

Willenhall Bow Street

- Central heated and double glazed
- Dining kitchen
- Bathroom with shower.
- Energy Rating D

£395pcm



- Three bed detached property
- CH & DG
- Fitted kitchen with oven and hob
- Large downstairs W/C

Dudley Quentin Drive

- Garage and ORP
- Alarmed
- Energy Rating - E

£660pcm



Dudley Queens Road

- Four bedroom semi
- DG and CH
- Lounge with extended sitting room
- Extended breakfast kitchen
- Ground floor WC
- Bathroom with shower
- Single garage
- Energy Rating - E

£650pcm



- Three bed town house
- Located opp Westfield Shopping Centre
- Lounge
- Downstairs WC

Dudley Madison Avenue

- Fully fitted kitchen
- Master bedroom is ensuite
- Allocated parking
- Energy Rating - B

£575pcm



- Three bed family home facilities
- CH & DG
- Kitchen with gas cooker
- Bath and Shower
- Conservatory
- Garage
- Energy Rating - E

West Bromwich Tame Street

£575pcm



- Three bed detached house
- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- CH & DG
- Kitchen with appliances

West Bromwich Tame Street

- Bathroom with shower
- Private rear garden
- ORP
- Energy Rating - C

£550pcm



- Attractive three bed semi
- Generous forecourt parking
- DG and GCH
- Bathroom with shower
- Private garden
- Energy Rating - D
- Great Bridge office

Wednesbury Durham Road

£525pcm



- Delightful two bed terraced home
- Fitted kitchen
- Two reception rooms
- Bathroom with separate shower cubicle

Sedgley Kings Road

- Rear garden
- Energy Rating - D
- Sedgley office
- 01902 686868

£525pcm



- Two bed ground floor apartment
- Kitchen with appliances
- Bathroom with bath and shower
- Garage and parking space
- Energy Rating - D
- Great Bridge office
- 0121 520 2255

Hagley Millpool Close

£525pcm



- Three bed semi
- Unfurnished
- DG and GCH
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Bathroom with bath and separate WC
- Driveway and garage parking
- Energy Rating - E
- Available immediately

Tipton Powis Avenue

£525pcm



- Two Bed Semi
- Part furnished
- Breakfast kitchen
- Bathroom with shower

Coseley Steven Drive

- CH & DG
- ORP
- Energy Rating - D
- Great Bridge office

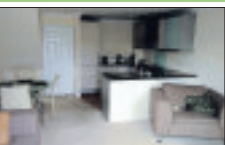
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- Double glazed accommodation

Wolverhampton Willenhall Road

£500pcm



- Two bed terraced property
- Ground floor refitted bathroom
- GCH and DG
- Refitted kitchen
- Available immediately
- Energy Rating - F
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Walsall Field Road

£495pcm



- Spacious Three Bed Semi
- GCH & DG
- Ground floor bathroom
- UPVC DG and GCH

Bilston Rose Street

- Fitted kitchen with electric cooker
- Integral garage
- ORP
- Energy Rating - D

£500pcm



- Two bed semi
- Fully fitted kitchen with new cooker
- GCH
- Unfurnished
- Energy Rating - D

Wolverhampton Shayler Grove

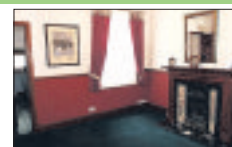
£475pcm



- Two bed end terraced house
- Two reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Bathroom with shower

Willenhall Regent Street

£450pcm



- Two bed semi
- Unfurnished
- DG and GCH
- Fitted kitchen with cooker

Tividale Elm Terrace

- Bathroom with bath and shower
- Rear garden with shed
- Energy Rating - D
- 0121 520 2255

£425pcm



- One bed apartment.
- Security intercom system
- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge with Juliette balcony
- Bathroom with bath & shower
- Allocated parking
- Energy Rating - B

Tipton Bonneville Close

£410pcm



- Charming one bed ground floor studio flat
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BMW sports with four-wheel drive

By Matt Joy

BMW's 3 Series has always been a car for all circumstances – fun to drive but practical and comfortable too.

Over the years, the range has expanded to widen the net still further. The estate Touring, the M3 and the ever-increasing range of diesel offerings meant there has always been a version to suit.

Now there's another side to the 3 Series story with the introduction of the xDrive model.

Four-wheel drive versions outside of the SUV models have been available in Europe since the 1980s, but due to the complexities of right-hand drive conversions it has never made it across to the UK.

That's all changed with the 320i xDrive now on sale. You won't spot any external differences bar the additional badging. The 3 Series is as handsome and clean-cut as ever, with the slimmer nose giving it a more purposeful look.

But this is no pseudo-SUV, it is designed to be just as the regular saloon with enhanced traction. Currently available only with the 2.0-litre turbocharged petrol version, the 320i xDrive is not short of power. The four-cylinder unit offers up a handy 184bhp and 199lb/ft of torque, fed to all four wheels through a choice of the six-speed



A new addition to the BMW 3 Series range is the 320i xDrive with four-wheel drive



Inside the BMW 320i, which offers a choice of manual or automatic gearbox

manual or eight-speed automatic gearbox.

But from behind the wheel, initially at least, you'll be hard pressed to notice anything different – which of course is the whole point.

The manual gearbox operates just as slickly as before, the clutch is smooth and has no extra weight, although it is above average in that respect, so from the driver's perspective, there's nothing extra to worry about.

This is four-wheel drive as an enhancement to performance and safety, not in order to climb mountains, so there are no differential locks or

unusual buttons that require your attention.

The 2.0-litre turbo engine almost doesn't feel like one at first either; it is torquey but not at diesel-levels, so it pulls cleanly and smoothly right around the rev range with a muted engine note. It also bears very close comparison with the standard two-wheel drive car, feeling very brisk rather than hugely rapid. But that's on a bone-dry road. In less than favourable conditions, the extra traction of the 320i xDrive comes into its own. You can deploy all the available power pretty much at will and the drive will

be distributed amongst the wheels with the most grip. In normal driving, 60 per cent of the power goes to the rear wheels, but this can switch to 100 per cent towards the front or rear if conditions demand it.

Purists may be concerned that this goes against the BMW philosophy as all its cars have rear-wheel drive and have done so since the start, but this is no less a sports saloon than any other 3 Series. It steers as sweetly as the standard car despite the slight increase in weight at the front with the additional hardware. And in

many respects, it allows you to enjoy all the 3 Series characteristics more of the time. Pressing on out of a greasy bend would have the traction control light flickering away, where in the 320i xDrive it simply grips hard and accelerates. Such surety is enormously reassuring, so much so that it's easy to forget about it and simply get on with enjoying the drive.

The price premium is a modest £1,500 or so, which stands comparison with other items on the options list such as a top-grade satnav or audio system.

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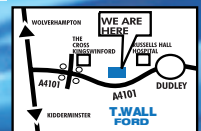
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VAN drivers and business bosses are being invited to a Dudley dealers to take advantage of a range of offers being staged as part of its Big Van Event.

Dudley Motor Company, is targeting drivers and bosses in the borough and surrounding areas to take advantage of a range of offers available from Vauxhall.

Between May 17 and 27, the dealership on Trindle Road, is offering customers £500 of fuel free with new vans ordered during the promotion*, as well as 20 per cent off all Genuine Vauxhall accessories** for new van customers.

These savings are on top of Vauxhall's innovative '4x4x4x4' offer, which is already available to van buyers.

Rob Gilbert, General Manager at Dudley Motor Company, said: "We're delighted to be offering van buyers in the area the chance to take advantage of a range of fantastic incentives throughout our Big Van Event."

"From helping to make considerable

cost savings at the fuel pumps to discounts on accessories, we're keen to ensure those looking to purchase a new Vauxhall van make the most of the great offers we have available.

"What's more, all Vauxhall Accessories come with a minimum one-year warranty, so customers can drive away knowing they'll receive the best after-care and service, too."

"We'd like to invite customers to come along to our dealership, join in the event and drive away with some great savings."

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There are many reasons to head to Dudley Motor Company any time this spring and summer to explore the range of offers available on Vauxhall vans, including the manufacturer's great value '4x4x4x4' commercial vehicle incentive.

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To take advantage of Vauxhall's 4x4x4x4 offer, van customers simply choose the model that suits their business needs, pay a minimum 20 per cent deposit (plus VAT on the total transaction price), and make regular repayments for the agreed term at zero per cent APR representative for four years.

To find out more about the Big Van Event and the promotions available, please contact Dudley Motor Company at Trindle Road, Dudley DY2 7AZ. Alternatively, call 01384 454100.

*£500 including VAT Free Fuel offer applies to commercial vehicle orders from 17 to 27 May 2013 only. Excludes fitted and painted items, VX protect paint protection and all infotainment systems

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Amount of Credit	£5,435.25
Interest Charges	£848.75
Optional Final Payment	£2,720.00
Total Amount Payable	£7,843.75
Fixed Rate of Interest	3.55% p.a.
Duration of Agreement	3 years
Annual Mileage	10,000
Excess Mileage Charge per mile	14.9p
Representative APR	6.9%*

Hyundai i20

Personal Contract Purchase Example

i20 Classic 1.2 3dr

36 Monthly Payments of	£119.00
On The Road Price	£8,695.00
Hyundai Deposit Contribution	£250.00
Customer Deposit	£1,771.00
Amount of Credit	£6,674.00
Interest Charges	£1,052.50
Optional Final Payment	£3,442.50
Total Amount Payable	£9,747.50
Fixed Rate of Interest	3.55% p.a.
Duration of Agreement	3 years
Annual Mileage	10,000
Excess Mileage Charge per mile	14.9p
APR	6.9%*



*Models shown: i10 Classic 1.2 at £6,995 OTR (includes £1,350 customer saving) in Electric Red solid paint at no extra cost and i20 Classic 1.2 3dr at £8,695 OTR (includes £1,300 customer saving) in Electric Red solid paint at no extra cost. On the road (OTR) prices shown include customer saving discounts where applicable. VAT where applicable, delivery, vehicle first registration fee, number plates and 12 months' Road Fund Licence. All offers and savings are subject to availability and are only available to private retail customers on new cars purchased and registered in the UK (excluding Channel Islands or Isle of Man), between 2nd April and 30th June 2013, inclusive, sourced through Hyundai Motor UK Ltd or its authorised dealers. Offers are not available for customers under the Hyundai Affinity Programme. 5 Year Triple Care terms and conditions apply. Please see www.hyundai.co.uk or ask your local Dealer.

Fuel consumption in MPG (l/100km) for Hyundai i10 Classic 1.2: Urban 50.4 (5.6), Extra Urban 68.9 (4.1), Combined 61.4 (4.6), CO₂ Emissions 108 g/km. Fuel consumption in MPG (l/100km) for Hyundai i20 Classic 1.2 3dr: Urban 46.3 (6.1), Extra Urban 67.3 (4.2), Combined 57.6 (4.9), CO₂ Emissions 114 g/km.

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Solutions representative finance example
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ŠKODA deposit contribution	£500.00	Total amount payable	£17,771.97
Total deposit amount	£4,722.27	Representative APR	6.9% APR
Acceptance fee	£125.00^	Rate of interest	6.12% fixed

Official fuel consumption in mpg (litres/100km) for the ŠKODA Octavia range: Urban 43.5 (6.5) – 61.4 (4.6), Extra Urban 61.4 (4.6) – 85.6 (3.3), Combined 53.3 (5.3) – 74.3 (3.8). CO₂ emissions 121 – 99 g/km. Standard EU Test figures for comparative purposes and may not reflect real driving results.

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Winders and Wood edge way to victory

Water Orton 101, Stourbridge 103-8. Stourbridge won by two wickets

STOURBRIDGE firsts collapsed for the second consecutive match but inched to victory.

Chasing Water Orton's modest 101, Stour slipped to 63-4. It was left to the middle order and tail to take their side to victory after a tense chase. This second victory kept Stourbridge fifth in Division Two of the Birmingham and District Premier after back-to-back promotions from the Worcestershire County League.

Water Orton's first pair saw off the opening spell from Matt Bradley, bowling from the football stand end.

Bradley was replaced by 17-year-old Ali Shah, who rewarded his skipper with three top wickets in his seven-over spell. Jason Bassnet was pinned lbw for seven, Mathew Dawes had his stumps shattered for five and Shah took the key wicket of Warren Badger, caught behind for 30.

Spinner Andy Alexander then ripped through the middle order with only Alex Glastonbury (18) showing any resistance before being caught off Jitesh Patel as Water Orton were out for 101 off 39 overs. They struck back when opening bowlers Matthew Ringin and Lesroy Irish sent Stour's first four batsmen to the pavilion.

Alexander stabilised the innings with Adam Lawley. Patel was bowled for 14 by Morgan with his side still 24 short of the target. James Winders joined James Wood and under intense pressure edged Stour home.

White Lions get through to final

Kinver Girls U14 0 Sedgley White Lions Girls U14 3

SEDGLEY reached their second final of the season with this last-four Merit Shield success.

They started the brighter and took the lead after 15 minutes when Olivia Riese squared the ball to unmarked Bethany Male, who made no mistake. They scored again in the second period when Male's corner was met by Khloe Hyde.

Sedgley found the Kinver keeper in top form, but scored a fine third when Jodie Perkins put Britanee Davies through on goal for a good finish from distance.

Last-gasp heartache for so-close Saxons

Stourbridge Saxons 26 Worthing Raiders 28

STOURBRIDGE'S dream of promotion glory turned into a last-gasp nightmare when Worthing snatched victory deep in injury time.

The dramatic finale to the Saxons' season produced a nail-biter of a game in front of a bumper crowd.

The lead had already changed hands seven times before Worthing's try late in injury time levelled the scores and the conversion secured both the game and promotion for the Raiders.

The Saxons were left with

nothing and remain in National League Two North for the 2013/14 season.

Jamie Hearn opened the scoring with a well-struck penalty after a powerful Saxons' scrum drive saw the visitors' front row stand up under pressure.

Worthing's free running backs hit back with a try for winger Jack Maslen.

A Worthing infringement allowed Hearn to reduce the deficit to a point and gradually the Saxons exerted pressure. Direct running from centres Ben Barkley and Will Hurrell forced Worthing to double-team their midfield defences.

Rugby union

The penalty count started to mount in Saxons' favour and referee Nick Cockburn produced a yellow card for Worthing centre Oliver Richards' deliberate knock-on. The Saxons kicked it for the corner and a series of drives worked enough space for winger Nathan Bressington to crash through. Hearn kicked a magnificent touchline conversion.

But the Saxons were caught napping as a fumbled restart catch was recovered by Worthing and their man-of-the-match, scrum-

half Joe Govett, evaded slack defending to scuttle under the posts and regain the lead.

Bressington's foot just drifted into touch while rounding a defender and it was scant consolation when Hearn's penalty put Saxons 16-14 up at half-time.

A ruck infringement enabled Worthing to benefit from a sudden squall to find touch deep in the Saxons' 22 and the home pack were shunted back over their own line from a catch and drive, second row Scott Barlow securing the try.

Stourbridge responded when a catch and drive was just held out but Will Hurrell burst through two

defenders to level the scores from Sione Tu'ipolotu's switch pass and Hearn's conversion put them two up.

With just 10 minutes to go, Hearn put the Saxons within touching distance of victory with a penalty.

But with barely a minute to go Saxons conceded a penalty. Worthing kicked to the corner and launched a wave of attacks.

From a scrum a Saxons hand in the ruck gave them another opportunity and No8 Rob Smith crashed through to score under the posts. Govett made no mistake with the kick.

We will be back, says Mitchell after loss

STOURBRIDGE director of rugby Neil Mitchell declared: "We'll be back" after Saxons' last-gasp agony.

A late converted try in the play-off against Worthing ended the club's hopes of promotion from National Two North.

But Mitchell maintains that the Saxons will rebuild and return.

"It was bitterly disappointing to lose in the 83rd minute from being five points up," he said.

"Though there was almost an inevitability to it when we tried to run the clock down.

"It seemed the gods were playing with us, the way the wind and rain blew in the second half.

"But a play-off is always a gamble and, to be fair, Worthing are a good side who always looked capable of scoring.

"We've no one to blame but ourselves, though. After the way our campaign started, we should have gone up as champions.

"In a strange way, though, that also contributed to our downfall when complacency set in.

"It's very hard for everybody involved but we'll see how many of the squad we retain, rebuild and start again. We'll be back."

Knight gets boss job at Peacocks

GORNAL ATHLETIC have appointed former Redditch United assistant boss Brian Knight as their new manager.

He got the nod following three days of interviews with the club described as "a number of outstanding applicants" as the Peacocks sought a successor to Ian Rowe.

Knight spent a number of years at Redditch, where he was responsible for the development of the youth team and then became assistant first team manager.

Chief executive Kevin Williams was delighted with the appointment and said the club looks forward to a long and successful relationship with the new man.

"Brian's vision for the future of Gornal Athletic matched exactly with that of the committee," he said.

DUDLEY fighter Connor Jones fought his way through to the national semi-finals of the junior ABAs, beating Merseyside boxer Lewis Dobson at Great Barr Leisure Centre.

Jones overpowered the hard-hitting Dobson, from Everton Red Triangle ABC, at 57kg in Class Five. He stood and traded with his feared opponent, hammering home straight shots and tucking up when on the back-foot.

Walsall Wood boxer Daniel Breeze also sailed through with a second straight win.

Club-mate Joseph Stevenson and Wednesbury ABC's Jack Wood also progressed from Sunday afternoon's action.

The tournament's national stages are being held at the venue for three weeks in a row, ending next weekend, and Breeze is looking increasingly a dead cert at 66kg in Class Five, for boxers born in 1996, after picking off Sam McLean, from SYD Ringside in West Yorkshire.

Forward

That measured approach brought him a unanimous points win, the same result recorded for Stevenson at 71kg in the most senior of Classes in Six - for boxers born in 1995 - against Harry Woods, from Kirkby ABC, Merseyside.

Wood bulled his way past Thomas McGuiness, from Kirkdale ABC, Liverpool, to record another unanimous point success at 57kg in Class Six.

It's his last chance to win a national title before he progresses to the seniors.

by Craig Birch

Wodensborough ABC's Benjamin Whittaker and Pleck ABC duo Rocky Lee and Zohaib Hanif all exited by virtue of points losses.

Whittaker will wonder how he lost after opening like a house on fire against Joe Jenkins, from Hillsborough ABC in Sheffield, at 63kg in Class Four - boxers born in 1997.

Whittaker peppered Jenkins' head with shots in the first two rounds and clearly won the first, but Jenkins worked low to the body, which appeared to carry favour with the judges.

Lee had already lost once in the competition - he was defeated over the distance last weekend but his opponent was thrown out of the tournament.

Lee showed heart and perseverance against Dalton Smith, from Steel City ABC, Sheffield, at 57kg in Class Four, but lost unanimously.

Hanif went the same way after being scruffy in his work at 70kg in Class Four against a sharp Zac Stabler, from Bridlington ABC.

Grasshoppers hope to jump over Greyhounds

STOURBRIDGE Rugby Club's amateur sides do battle for bragging rights when they do battle for the Clash of the Titans trophy.

Stourbridge Lions Two (the Greyhounds) and Lions Three (the Grasshoppers) will take to the first team pitch tomorrow night aiming to raise vital funds in support of Mary Stevens Hospice.

The Grasshoppers will be looking to avenge last season's heavy defeat with a return to winning ways against their opponents.

Proceeds

And both sides will also be looking to surpass last season's charity proceeds when more than £2,000 was raised.

Both teams will take to the field in new sponsored kits.

All proceeds from shirt sales, gate receipts and a raffle will go to the charity funds.

The fun starts at 7pm, with refreshments available all night followed by free post-game entertainment from local live band, Monkey Business.

For more information contact the club on 01384 395000 or John Slim on 07989 786913.



All set for the big clash, from left, club president Andy Whitfield, Lions Threes captain John Slim, Lions Twos captain James Metaxus and senior vice-president Ian Faulks



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Wonder Woffy is champ at last

WOLVES hero Tai Woffinden took his maiden British championship and immediately set his sights on Scott Nicholls' record seven wins.

Woffinden made up for the agony of previous defeats – he has twice led the grand final only for the race to be stopped and miss out in the rerun – to get the better of reigning champion Nicholls in the shoot-out at Monmore Green.

He becomes the first Wolves star to take the crown while riding for the gold and black.

Woffinden dedicated Monday's victory to his late father Rob, who died of cancer in 2010, and to former Grand Prix rider Lee Richardson.

Monday's meeting came on the first anniversary of Richardson's death following a track crash in Poland.

"I'd like to dedicate this to Lee and my dad," said Woffinden, who ran into the arms of his mother Sue after clinching the title.

"It's been a long time coming and I've finally done it," added the rider, who has finished third in the championship four times in the past five years.

"I just can't explain how happy I am! I want to say thanks to the Wolves supporters. I hope this is the first of many, and I'd like to set a goal of breaking Scott's record over my career."

Woffinden had five wins from five in the qualifying races before jetting clear from the tapes in the grand final to beat Nicholls and three-time champion Chris Harris. Surprise package Craig Cook was fourth.

Burch is first back for club

STOURBRIDGE Running Club had three entrants in the Manchester Marathon.

Their first runner back was Steven Burch, who clocked three hours 54 minutes.

Next was Natalie Dellar (4:09) who was using the marathon as a training run for her forthcoming 100km race, while Errol Cumberbatch stopped the clock in 4:10.

Two club members took part in the Market Drayton 10km event.

Out of 1,404 runners taking part, Kieran Pitt was 157th in 41 minutes 56 seconds while Burch finished 419th in 47:49.

We're ready for league action, says skipper

Dudley Heathens

HEATHENS skipper Ashley Morris says the team are raring to go for the launch of their National League schedule at Wolves on Tuesday (7.30pm).

The former Cradley club face King's Lynn and are looking for all three points to start their race for a play-off place in style.

Morris admits it's been a long wait for the 'bread and butter' business to get under way after Heathens lifted both the Travel Plus Trophy and National Shield.

"We can't wait to get started on the league," said Morris, who scored a stunning paid 16 from six starts for his Premier League side Workington against Berwick

recently. "It's been nice to have these meetings and to win trophies – you can't beat that – but it will be great to get into the league business."

"We have to be happy with the start we have made to the season, but there is a long way to go and it's all about getting into the top four and qualifying for the play-offs. It's important for us to start with a win, especially in front of our own fans, and that's what we're all aiming for next Tuesday."

"But we will treat King's Lynn with

respect, they have some good riders and we know they will make it tough for us."

Meanwhile, the Heathens' fixture schedule has been made busier with the addition of trips to Premier League tracks Sheffield next Thursday, May 23, for the Darren Bootcock Memorial Trophy and then head to Redcar on May 30.

Heathens chairman Nigel Pearson said: "From our point of view we just feel we are in need of a few more fixtures to give our boys more track time."

"Ashley Morris and Lewis Blackbird have had plenty of meetings in the Premier League whilst Paul Starke has just joined

Berwick – and we are delighted for him. Our youngsters at reserve, Max Clegg and Nathan Greaves, have both been trying to get as many laps in as possible as well."

"It's the likes of Dan Greenwood and Gareth Isherwood who we are thinking about because they aren't riding as much as we would have liked."

"Will (Pottinger) as team manager was particularly keen to try and add some fixtures to ensure we keep our strong start to 2013 going, and we are looking forward to visiting both Sheffield and Redcar."

"Both meetings will give our boys a good test against strong opposition."

Cradley in cruise control

Wednesfield 0 Cradley Town 3
CRADLEY cruised to a comfortable West Midlands Premier victory over a makeshift Wednesfield side.

After 10 minutes the home goal had a charmed life as Wednesfield keeper Sam Arnold punched out a Chris Bladen headed to Matt Poyner, whose shot took a deflection onto a post.

Cradley had a great chance in the 23rd minute when Arnold missed a Will Tibbetts corner, but Jemiah Richards headed wide.

Wednesfield's only chance in the first half came when Cradley keeper Matt Jones dashed out of goal and his poor clearance went to Ben Sanderson, whose tame shot was easily cleared.

The visitors broke the deadlock just before half-time, Bladen heading home Jack Pearlman's deep cross.

On 64 minutes the home side had a chance to equalise when substitute Sam Giles picked out the unmarked defender Luke Jones, who sliced his shot wide of goal.

Cradley made it 2-0 in the 77th minute when Tibbetts' left-wing cross was headed home by Pearlman.

He claimed his second goal and Cradley's third in the 87th minute.

Cricket club will host a knockout

HIMLEY Cricket Club will host a Minor Counties match on Sunday.

It will stage the 50-over knockout game between Staffordshire and Berkshire starting at 11am.

Gates open at 10am and entry is £5 per adult and £3 concessions.

Bar and refreshments will be available throughout the day.

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JACKETT FAVOURITE TO BE WOLVES BOSS

KENNY JACKETT has been interviewed by Wolves as the club streamline their search for a head coach.

Sources say the 51-year-old was the first candidate to be formally spoken to by the board as they form a shortlist to succeed Dean Saunders. Former England manager Steve McClaren was another to be spoken to about the job.

Jackett was understood to have applied for the Wolves post soon after resigning as Millwall manager 10 days ago and within hours of Saunders' sacking.

The former Watford and Swansea boss was immediately installed as the bookies' favourite to replace Saunders.

And although polls suggest he isn't necessarily the most popular choice among Wolves supporters, Jackett ticks many boxes for the club.

At 51, he has the experience required for such a high-pressure job and has managed successfully at the level Wolves now occupy – League One.

Promotion

He won promotion from that division with Millwall through the play-offs in 2010.

He also took Swansea from the fourth tier to the third in 2005.

Jackett is one of several candidates chief executive Jez Moxey and director of football operations and recruitment Kevin Thelwell have identified in the search for a new head coach.

He joins McClaren and Owen Coyle on the list of possibles with others still being assessed.

But the club insist they will take all the time needed to get the right man and an appointment could well take another fortnight.

Meanwhile, Jackett's mentor and former

by Tim Nash

Molineux boss Graham Taylor believes his former Watford coach has all the experience needed to take the post.

"Kenny is a first-class character," said Taylor.

"If they appoint him, things will be done properly – you can trust Kenny."

"He has experienced it all. He played at the top level with Watford and at international level with Wales and he's gone into management and gained a lot of experience."

"He worked alongside Ian Holloway at QPR and was coach with me in my second spell at Watford."

Suggestions that Barnsley boss David Flitcroft, who has signed a two-year deal to stay at Oakfold, was approached by Wolves have been rejected by Tykes officials.

Rowing said: "I don't think there is any truth in the rumour at all."

"I know the people at Wolves and I know they would have played it by the book."

"It doesn't surprise me that other people have looked but we've certainly not had any official communication at all."

Kewford girls have their eyes on a hat-trick



Celebrating are Kewford Eagles under-11 girls, from left, Chloe Boxley, Amelia Burrows, Katey Rice, Alexandra Banyard, Martha Brasenwell, Chloe Hill, Tiani Forsyth, Abbie Cartwright, Emily Shelley and Alex Short

KEWFORD EAGLES Under-11 Girls are chasing the third leg of a treble.

They have already won league and league cup honours in the Stourbridge and District Youth League and are now out to finish the job.

Manager Rich Shelley said: "So far this season, the girls have won the League and the League Cup, scoring 92 goals and conceding four."

"We have now won the semi-final of the Merit Shield and have that final on May 18 at Bilbrook. This is quite an achievement when you consider that six of the 10 girls had not played football before the start of the season."

The Under-15 Girls are all set for a big final of their own.

They face Wolves Under-15 Girls in the Central Warwickshire League Open Cup final at Rugby Town on Saturday (3pm).

Kewford finished their league season in spectacular style on Saturday, winning 7-0 at Rubery despite only being able to field nine players. There were hat-tricks for Kat Fryzer and Ellie Stanesby with Grace Thomas adding the other goal as Kewford finished a creditable third in the table.

The team are looking for experienced players from school years nine

or 10. For more information, call Rob Childs on 07981 921598.

Meanwhile, the boys in the under nines had a thriller in their League Cup final against Stourbridge Glassboys, held at The Dell Stadium, Pensnett, with the score 1-1 at full-time and after extra time. So it was down to penalties – and Kewford won 3-1.

The club are currently on a high, with a £1.2 million new base for its 550 players well on the way to completion.

The 30-acre site, near Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Club in Wall Heath, should be ready by September 2014.

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